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FIRST BATCH OF RAFALE JETS SET TO ARRIVE BY JULY 27

In light of the heightened tensions in Ladakh, India has asked France to speed up the delivery of the jets, say sources

MAJOR BOOST FOR INDIA'S AIR POWER

Experts say the induction of the new jets will ramp up India's air combat capabilities. They are capable of carrying advanced weapons, including Meteor, a European active radar-guided air-to-air missile that can strike down enemy targets from a distance of 100 km. The first batch of the jets will be stationed at Ambala Airbase in Haryana

JETS TO COME WITH RANGE OF FEATURES

- The jet will come with additional features sought by India including helmet-mounted displays, radar warning receivers, low-band jammers and infra-red search and tracking systems
- India had signed an agreement with France in 2016 to purchase 36 Rafale fighter jets at a cost of around ₹58,000 crore

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OF THE 36 JETS WILL BE USED FOR COMBAT. THE REST FOR TRAINING

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Unlock 2.0: Air, rail services to open further

No major relaxations announced; Schools, colleges, Metros, cinemas, gyms will continue to remain closed

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

APART from announcing further expansion of air and rail services in a calibrated manner, the guidelines for Unlock 2.0 unveiled by the Union Home Ministry on Monday did not have any major relaxations.

Domestic flights and passenger trains have already been allowed in a limited way. Their operations will be further expanded in a calibrated manner. "International air travel of passengers, which has been permitted in a limited manner under the Vande Bharat mission, to be further opened up in a calibrated manner," the ministry said.

However, cinema halls, Metro services, gymnasiums, swimming pools, and theatres will remain shut during Unlock 2.0, between July 1 and July 31. Educational institutions, including schools and colleges, too, will also remain closed till July 31. However, online classes will continue.

Night curfew timings have been relaxed further. Curfew shall now be in force from 10 pm to 5 am, instead of 9 pm to 5 am. Relaxation in night curfew will help in seamless operation of industrial units in multiple shifts, movement of persons and goods on national and state highways, loading and unloading of cargo and movement of persons to their destinations after disembarking from buses, trains and flights.

Shops, depending upon their area, can have more than five persons at a time, provided they maintain adequate physical distancing. Training institutions of the Central and state governments will be allowed to function with effect from July 15. "SOP in this regard will be issued by the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India," the ministry said.

The Centre said the guidelines were framed after extensive consultation with states and UTs. As for containment zones, the advisory said: "Lockdown shall continue to be implemented strictly in the containment zones till July 31."

PM'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION TODAY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the nation on Tuesday at 4 pm, his office said. There was no word though on the subject of his address

TRIAL FROM JULY, RESULTS IN OCT

The human clinical trials for the vaccine named Covaxin are scheduled to start across India in July. The results of the trial would be out in October

India's first vaccine candidate set to begin human trials

V NILESH @Hyderabad

HYDERABAD-BASED vaccine manufacturer Bharat Biotech has been accorded permission by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) to initiate Phase I & II human clinical trials for India's first vaccine candidate against Covid-19. The vaccine has been developed and manufactured at the company's Bio-safety Level-III high containment facility at Genome Valley in the city.

The human clinical trials are scheduled to start across India in July 2020. Results are expected to be out by October 2020, following which larger clinical trials will be conducted.

The indigenously developed vaccine has been named 'Covaxin', and is an inactivated vaccine. It has been developed after National Institute of Virology, Pune, isolated a strain of the Novel Coronavirus, known as SARS-CoV-2 and transferred it to the company.

The permission for human clinical trials was granted by DCGI after the company submitted results generated from preclinical studies, demonstrating safety and immune response. Dr Krishna Ella, Chairman and Managing Director, Bharat Biotech, said, "We are proud to announce Covaxin, India's first indigenous vaccine against Covid-19. The collaboration with ICMR and NIV was instrumental in the development of this vaccine. The proactive support and guidance from CDSCO have enabled approvals for this project."

According to a media release by Bharat Biotech, the company accelerated its objective in completing the comprehensive preclinical studies by expediting the national regulatory protocols.

Results from these studies have been promising and show extensive safety and effective immune responses, it said.

Suchitra Ella, Joint Managing Director, Bharat Biotech, said, "We are committed to advancing vaccine development as a matter of national importance to demonstrate India's strength in handling future pandemics."

What is an inactivated vaccine? The process involves growing the virus on a large scale and killing/inactivating the virus with a chemical. Once the vaccine is injected into a human, it has no potential to infect or replicate, since it is a killed virus. It helps the immune system mount an antibody response towards virus.

KARNATAKA
COVID-19 BATTLE
1,105
TEST POSITIVE ON MONDAY
TOTAL CASES
14,295
226
Total Deaths
7,683
Total Recoveries so far
19 people succumb to the disease in the state during the day
Bengaluru Urban again tops districts' daily tally at 738 cases
1 per cent of the state's population tested for Covid-19 so far
FULL COVERAGE P4

BIG SPIKE IN COVID CASES IN JULY-AUGUST: MINISTER

ANUSHA RAVI @Bengaluru

FRONTLINE workers in Karnataka have been asked to mentally prepare themselves to handle the Covid-19 crisis for the next six months. Revenue Minister R Ashoka, who has temporarily been handed charge of Covid management in Bengaluru, on Monday said that in keeping with the global trend, Karnataka and Bengaluru will see a spike in Coronavirus cases in July-August. He attributed the prediction to an expert committee report.

He admitted that increased spread of infection, and not just stepped-up testing, is causing the spike. Asked if the state is mulling more stringent lockdown measures, he said that CM B S Yediyurappa will take a decision after July 7 as the government does not want to inconvenience SSLC students.

Following a meeting, Yediyurappa convinced private hospitals to transfer 50% of beds to the government, which expects to get 2,000 additional beds for Covid treatment. A five-member team, headed by Political Secretary to CM S R Vishwanath, will coordinate with private hospitals. The team will include two IAS officers, Tushar Girinath and Pankaj Kumar Pandey, and two members of Private Hospitals And Nursing Homes' Association -- Dr R Ravindra and Dr Nagendra Swamy.

"Beds in all private and government hospitals set aside for Covid treatment will be numbered. We will link bed numbers to patient numbers, and when a patient is discharged we can track the availability of beds real time. All the staff have been told to wear name and designation badges. All staffers, including doctors, have to log their duty time," he said. The government is also thinking of services increasing the salaries of frontline workers.

Ashoka announced a contingency plan for Bengaluru that included setting up a 20-bed ICU facility at Shantinagar Hospital, scaling up beds in isolation centres and Covid care centres, allowing Victoria Hospital to hire six ambulances for the next six months, hiring 85 AYUSH and Dental doctors as assistants on contract basis for BBMP, deputing newly appointed tahsildars of the Revenue Department to oversee setting up of new hospitals and facilities as observers, allotting two hearses for each zone, identifying and authorising 10 NGO workers in each ward to help shift positive persons to designated centres, sanitisation of localities and awareness programs.

On Monday, the Revenue Department passed orders deputing 64 probationary tahsildars to BBMP. Ashoka said that Girinath will be in charge of bed allotment, while Rajendra Kumar Kataria will take care of Covid bed centre. A meeting of Bengaluru corporators will also be called at the BBMP headquarters. "The corporators will be made responsible for supply of food, essentials etc to residences or roads sealed in each ward," he said.

FUNDS SPENT

₹742cr Available to state under SDRF

₹380cr Spent on Covid management
- ₹70 cr to Health Department
- ₹50 cr to BBMP
- ₹13 cr to Railways

₹232cr given to DCs
- ₹12 cr to Home Dept
- ₹ 2.89 cr to BMTC

School students catch up after finishing their science paper of the ongoing SSLC examination in Bengaluru on Monday | VINOD KUMAR T

Corps Commanders meet today to discuss LAC issue

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

WITH the Corps Commander-level meeting on June 22 failing to make any headway in resolving the Sino-Indian stand-off along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a fresh round of talks between them will be held on Tuesday. "Corps Commanders' meeting will be held tomorrow (Tuesday) at Chushul on the Indian side," government sources said. It is slated to begin at 10.30 am.

The first two Corps Commander-level meetings on June 6 and 22 were held at Moldo, which is on the Chinese side of the LAC. The Indian delegation will be led by 14 Corps Commander Lt Gen Harinder Singh and China will be represented by its South Xinjiang Military Division Corps Commander Major General Lin Liu.

The June 22 meet was held a week after bloody clashes between soldiers of both sides near Patrolling Point 14 in the Galwan Valley area resulted in 20 Indian casualties.

The Chinese have been dragging their feet on disengagement. Also, while talks were on, the Chinese side continued increasing their build-up, adding to trust deficit.

In complete breach of agreements for tranquility on the border, the Chinese have moved into various areas starting from the Northern Bank of the Pangong Tso to Depsang, with Hot Spring Area and the Galwan Valley in between. Chinese troops are at Finger-4, Gogra Post (Patrolling Point 17A), Patrolling Points 14 and 15, and at the Y-Junction in Depsang.

The Y-Junction is an outlet for Indian patrolling parties and covers Patrol Points 10, 11, 11A and 12. In all, about 80 sqkm has been affected by Chinese ingress.

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Indian Axe Effect on 59 Chinese apps

KUMAR VIKRAM @ New Delhi

AMID tensions between India and China, the Ministry of Information Technology on Monday banned 59 mobile apps, saying they are engaged in activities that are prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India, defence of India, security of state and public order.

The list has many popular apps, including TikTok, Shareit, and Camscanner.

Emphasising that there have been raging concerns on the aspects relating to data security and safeguarding privacy, the ministry said, "Such concerns also pose a threat to sovereignty and security of our country."

Recently, the Railways decided to terminate a signalling contract worth ₹471 crore awarded to a Chinese company in 2016. Besides, Bihar cancelled a tender for construction of a new bridge because two of the four selected contractors had Chinese partners. Moreover, RSS-affiliate Swadeshi Jagran Manch and many trader associations have given a 'Boycott China' call.

EXCLUSIVE TO EXPRESS

'We shouldn't let our guard down against the pandemic'

B S YEDIYURAPPA

EVER since the Centre recognised Karnataka as a role model in the war against Covid-19, I feel proud and, equally overwhelmed with a motive to be the best in the days to come.

Rajesh Bhushan, IAS, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in a letter to the health ministries of all the states, urged them to consider the practices of Karnataka and replicate them for the better management of the pandemic. The Centre believes the comprehensive contact tracing of the positive cases and physical/phone-based household survey as 'worth replicating' in the country.

Our officers and Corona Warriors richly deserve the recognition for their relentless service. The appreciation has infused my team and me with renewed energy to tackle the situation.

The entire globe is gripped by the scourge of the Covid-19 pandemic. No country is in a position to help the other.

The 12th century reformer, Basavanna's poignant *vachana* aptly describes the current state of affairs of the world.

If the hearth is on fire, one can stand,
What if the world is on fire, can you withstand?
What if the lake drinks the water,
What if the fence grazes the field,
What if the lady steals in her own house,
What if the mother's milk kills as poison,
to whom can I complain, oh Divine of Kudalasangama!

Yet, we have had a strategy in place to overcome the menace. A multi-pronged strategy -- technical, humanitarian approach and medical support -- dominated the initial phase.

From the very initial stages, we have had a high-tech war room in the BBMP, Information Department and Labour Department, the first of its kind in India, to monitor, exchange information and keep a tab on the spread of the coronavirus.

The second and crucial aspect of the strategy was to manage the economic health of the state. The administration wasn't only focused on containing the spread of the pandemic, but also addressed the economic distress of the working class.

(The writer is the Chief Minister of Karnataka)

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• **Tuesday** 30/06/2020 • **Year:** Sarvari • **Ayana :** Uttharayana • **Ritu:** Greeshma • **Masa:** Ashada • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Dashami 7.07 pm • **Nakshatra:** Swathi 4.01 am • Moon in Vrischika Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am • **Gulikakala:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER WATCH

MIN 22°C | MAX 25°C

FORECAST Isolated tstorms. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise 5.57 am | Sunset 6.49 pm | Moonrise 1.31 pm | Moonset 12.00 am

BDA flats as Covid care centres? Protests get loud

Authority fears it may affect future sales

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar's announcement on Saturday that the government would be using unsold flats of the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) as Covid care centres has come as a jolt to the authority.

Official data of BDA flats built since 2013 shows that 2,283 of 10,075 flats in the BDA's possession remain unsold. The sale of flats built in the last 3 years, which was going on slowly, took a beating due to Covid-19. Unsold flats are spread across Kanminike, Kommaghatta, Malagala, Valagerahalli and Doddabanahalli.

Sudhakar told *TNIE*, "We are looking at keeping only mild and asymptomatic patients in flats of BDA, the Housing Board and other organisations for quarantine. We want to use the flats only for two to three months. By November, we expect the severity of the virus to subside."

Asked about the move creating stigma for future sale of flats, he said this kind of mindset needs to be done away with.

Meanwhile, those living in BDA flats are appalled by the suggestion. They pointed out that the BDA's inventory was spread across multi-storeyed residential complexes, and entire blocks never remain unsold. "At least 12% of our flats are occupied. Families already living in some flats. One flat would be bought while the next would be empty. How will they agree to this kind of move?" he said.

The move would deliver a big blow to future sale of flats, said another official. "How can we sell a flat to a prospective buyer saying it is new, if people have already lived there for some time? The fact that those with corona symptoms lived there would create further problems," he said.

Only at Kanminike and Kommaghatta are entire blocks left unsold. "They are far from the city and have only temporary power connection and borewell water. If large number of people need to be be accommodated, power usage would be high and drinking water arrangements need to be put in place," another official said.

BDA Commissioner H R Mahadev, said, "There has been a proposal by the minister" but did not elaborate further.

MISTING OUT COVID

A demonstration of the Mist Canon in front of Vidhana Soudha after it was inaugurated by Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Monday. It can spray disinfectant up to 50 metres distance | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

BMRCL seeks loan from KUIDFC

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation has approached the Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation seeking assistance of Rs 350 crore for its Reach-6 line of Phase-II. A decision on sanctioning the loan will be taken by its State Level Sanctioning Committee during its meeting on July 2, BMRCL Managing Director Ajay Seth told TNIE the Corporation was not facing a resource crunch for implementation of the Phase-II project. "After loans from multilateral agencies, BMRCL needs to borrow Rs 5,000 cr for its Phase-II project," he said.

Wait in car, get a blood test at this hospital

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

A city hospital has begun offering blood sample collection as a drive-through facility in a bid to minimise physical contact.

Columbia Asia Hospital began the service on June 24 at its Sarjapur and Whitefield hospitals. "We recently started the drive-through blood test facility to ensure safe, convenient, and quick blood sample collection for patients. A technician or nurse wearing protective gear will collect samples from patients seated in their vehicles, just outside the hospital building," said Manisha Kumar, general manager, Columbia Asia Hospital, Sarjapur Road branch.

"Registration and billing will also be done on the spot. Reports will be emailed to patients. No appointment is required," she added.

Blood samples are used to detect Typhoid, Dengue and other chronic and lifestyle diseases related to kidney, liver and heart. The hospital said that depending on the requirement, they would expand this facility to other branches.

This facility does not include taking throat and nasal swabs for Covid testing, which is done after a patient is taken to a doctor at the hospital's flu clinic. The clinic is located outside the hospital.

SSLC results will be out in August

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Kolar/Chikballapur/ Bengaluru

RESULTS of the SSLC examinations, due to conclude on July 4, will be announced in the first week of August, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar said here on Monday.

The minister was visiting examination centres in Kolar and Chikkaballapura districts. He said that after the examination is completed, measures would be taken to ensure that evaluation of papers is done in a safe environment.

On Monday, 97.3% of the SSLC students wrote their third paper – Science/Political Science/Music. A total of 7,91,102 students appeared for the General Science exam, 419 for Political Science and two for Music exam, marking a total attendance of 7,74,729. Another 16,373 students were absent. Last year, 98.69% students had given their board exam.

Three students were debarred on charges of malpractice during the Science exam on Monday. Two incidents took place in Dharwad, while the third was reported from Raichur.

The 2,942 students from containment areas were given a separate section, while another 491 students who were unwell were allotted a special room. Of the 645 students who registered from neighbouring states, 592 were present. As many as 12,539 of 12,644 migrant students, too, wrote the exam on Monday.

As parents of two students from Hassan and one from Padubidri in Udupi district tested positive for Covid-19, the education department has decided not to allow the three students to write the remaining exams. However, they will be encouraged to appear for the supplementary exam.

As one of the exam hall supervisors in Bagalakote was suspected to be infected, the department decided to subject all the supervisors there to medical examination.

Suresh Kumar said that all the infected students and those under quarantine will be allowed to write the supplementary exam in August as fresh candidates.

IN THE HC

HC allows parents to modify plea on online classes

The Karnataka High Court on Monday permitted parents and educational institutions to amend their petitions challenging the ban on online classes. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy permitted the petitioners to amend their petitions questioning the state government's order dated June 15 banning online classes, after the government advocate produced an order dated June 27 that allowed online classes to be held based on Pragyata guidelines. The government advocate also submitted that the order would be in place until the committee of experts on technology enabled education submitted its report.

ECO WARRIORS

Environmental activists oppose draft EIA, suggest 30 points be added

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

CITY-BASED environmentalists have strongly objected to the draft Environment Impact Assessment 2020, saying it dilutes many of the protections given to the environment in the EIA notification of 2006.

The United Conservation Movement has submitted its response to the union government, which had sought responses from the public when the draft notification was released in March. It has sought the removal of 22 provisions and instead offered 30 suggestions for inclusion.

UCM members said public consultation should be mandatory instead of optional as the draft notification proposes. They were also strongly opposed to ex-post facto (clearances with retrospective effect), which the Supreme Court had struck down in the Alembic Pharmaceuticals Private Limited Vs Rohit Prajapati and others case.

They also said industries should continue to be classified in terms of red, orange and green, based on their pollution levels (the most polluting industries come under the red category). The draft seeks to replace this classification with categories A (which would include more polluting industries), while industries which pollute less would be classified under B1 or B2, and require

fewer clearances. However, UCM pointed out that some highly polluting industries such as acid manufacturing and chemical processing had been moved to B1 or B2 with no explanation. The draft notification seeks to exempt around 40 types of industries, currently classified as red, from obtaining prior environmental clearance.

Public consultation should be mandatory for projects instead of optional as the draft EIA 2020 notification proposes

United Conservation Movement, environmentalist group

Other dilutions include permitting red and orange category industries to operate as close as 5km from protected areas (PA), from the 10km distance specified by the of the 2006 EIA.

The draft also seeks to increase the validity of environmental clearance (EC) for mining from 30 years to 50, and for river valley, irrigation and nuclear projects from 10 years to 15, and for all other projects from five years to 10.

Stating that environmental protection cannot be diluted or compromised for ease of doing business, UCM said, "Priority should be on protecting of environment."

They also demanded that Section 26 of the draft notification which allows for EIA exemption be scrapped.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30th June : I was involved in a television programme recently in which a whole team of scientists was lined up to criticise astrology. I had the chance later to ask them how much they understood about it and not one of them knew anything! It's a funny world where people make solid pronouncements on things they know nothing about. Still, I have to admit, that I have done it occasionally!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)

Yesterday's lunar alignments have left you feeling emotionally winded. However, as luck would have it, this year's version of celestial events offers you all the opportunity you need to get back in the driving seat and, by tomorrow, come out on top.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)

There is no reason why everything should be black and white, and you must expect another day when all is not quite clear. The most ideal way to get the very best out of your planetary aspects is to enjoy your dreams and follow your instincts. Wear your sense of humour on your sleeve.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

Although you're renowned as a communicative sort of a person, team-work is not always your major strength. Somehow you now have to find a way of fitting in while at the same time asserting your very individual and totally unique version of what is needed.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

Forget your sensitive, retiring Cancerian qualities. Today it is time to bring out a different feature of your celestial personality, being more ambitious, tough and ruthless. Also, as a matter of urgency, expect the unexpected! You can never be too prepared.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)

Venus is happy sailing through your chart, but will soon bring changes to your romantic hopes. Take all opportunities to enjoy yourself, but, bearing in mind the general irresponsibility inherent in today's mighty planetary aspects, you will have to decide where to draw the line.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)

Powerful financial indications continue for a little while longer, but in view of the fact that the stars indicate carelessness and loss, you must question all ambiguous claims and suspicious details. Somebody may have misled you, probably without meaning to.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)

I am afraid that you will have no choice but to listen to what other people are saying. If you do try to close your eyes or avert your gaze then you will actually provoke them into even louder announcements and proclamations! That doesn't mean that their words will suddenly make sense, though!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)

Keep up the hard work! Even if you are taking time off then you should keep active and flexible. If you adopt a narrow and dogmatic course, the ground may be swept from under your feet. Also, if you make a rash promise then a partner might take you at your word.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)

If you are in tune with the heavens, then you have managed to extend a period of hope and opportunity. It's almost as if you are enjoying a sort of personal emotional revival. Do not feel bad about enjoying yourself if other people are working, and don't let them put you down or make you feel small.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)

The only way to function today is to throw out every prejudice and pre-conception. This is something at which you excel, in spite of your rather undeserved stuffy astrological reputation. If you start again with a blank slate then you might realise that you misjudged a partner, and that they underestimated you.

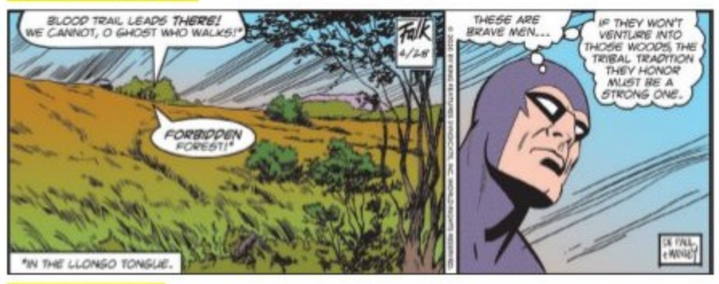
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

There is much to be done that still seems to concern your long-term future. If you have lost sight of a number of goals, use your current planetary energies wisely to talk to the experts, chat to friends and seek advice from every corner, especially from people who have been here before.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)

You could be in a gambling mood. Take emotional risks by all means, and adopt unusual plans if they suit your mood. However, do bear in mind that financial prospects are dodgy, so don't throw good money after bad. Also, listen to loved ones: they could be smarter than you think.

THE PHANTOM


BLOOD TRAIL LEADS THERE! WE CANNOT, O GHOST WHO WALKS!*
FORBIDDEN FOREST!*
*IN THE LLONGO TONGUE.
THESE ARE BRAVE MEN...
IF THEY WON'T VENTURE INTO THOSE WOODS, THE TRIBAL TRADITION THEY HONOR MUST BE A STRONG ONE.

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

I LIKE THAT HEART HAND SYMBOL. THAT'S SO POPULAR THESE DAYS!
ME TOO! YOUR DAD USES IT A LOT!
REALLY?
YES. USUALLY IT'S TO SAY THANK YOU WHEN HIS MOUTH IS FULL

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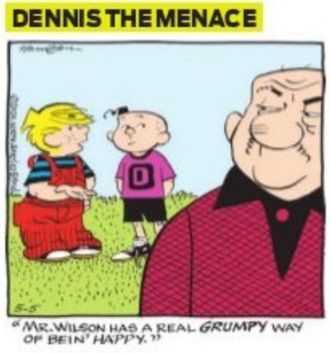

Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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		4	7					
		8	9		6	7		5
		3		1			8	9
		6				3		
7	5			3		4		
9		5	8		4	2		
					5	8		
8	7	1	3		2		6	

EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

9	8	3	4	6	5	1	7	2
5	6	2	9	7	1	3	8	4
1	4	7	8	3	2	5	6	9
7	3	1	6	9	8	4	2	5
8	2	6	1	5	4	7	9	3
4	9	5	3	2	7	6	1	8
2	7	9	5	4	6	8	3	1
6	1	4	2	8	3	9	5	7
3	5	8	7	1	9	2	4	6

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SCABI

DYRAT

PONYCA

SPOGSI

It's barely running, it's rusting on the bottom and I can't even sell it.
I'm sorry, man. I feel for you.
THE OWNER OF THE OLD SWEDISH CAR WAS TELLING THE MECHANIC HIS ----

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: " " " "

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: KHAKI VERGE BONNET SNAPPY
Answer: When the scientist played an April Fool's joke on his monster, he was being a — "PRANKENSTEIN"

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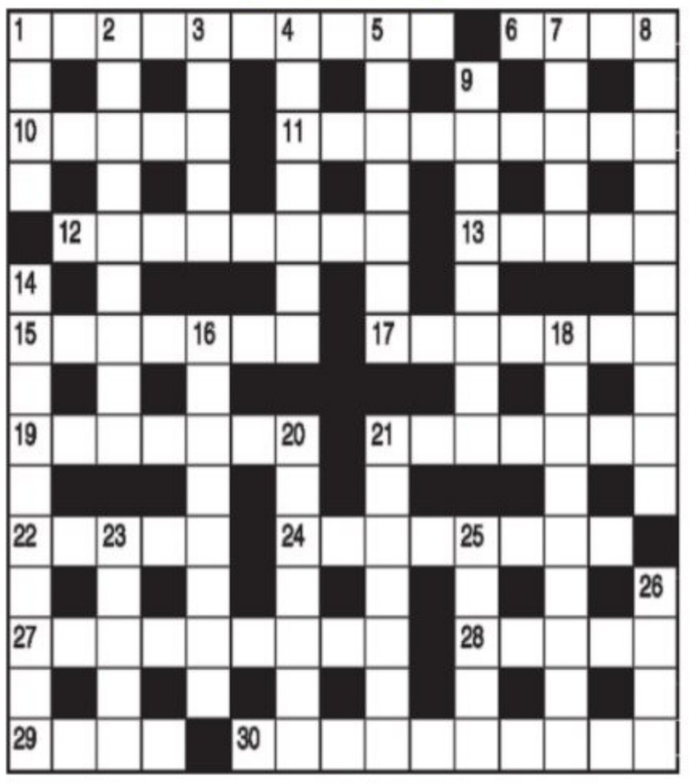
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 May I not purchase a large supporting bracket? (10)
6 It can't be passed in silence (4)
10 I break bail in order to prove I was elsewhere (5)
11 Make successful attempt to prove beard is false (4,2,3)
12 It seems to me to be the old way of saying it (8)
13 Got down to making a proposal? (5)
15 Ready for fuel he'd ordered (7)
17 A race between two poles and an Arab (7)
19 Shaw is out and out failure (4-3)
21 Ordains an arrangement for smoothing things out (7)
22 He has skill on an organ (5)
24 A compulsory turnout (8)
27 About to be included in a combat plane built to take cargo (9)
28 American lawyer without force or emotion (5)
29 Nips of liquor that ought to stimulate initially (4)
30 Italian city man squashed into a plane (10)

DOWN

1 A meeting of hands to express approval (4)
2 Lionesses may be completely quiet (9)
3 Flag over hospital in Dublin perhaps (5)
4 When there's a change of plea, men select a jury (7)
5 Listens out and follows the recruiting officer's plea (7)
7 Swiss river heron in distress (5)
8 He can rely on a permanent occupation (4,6)
9 Ken tried clumsily and did the job amateurishly (8)
14 Keep arguing - like Mrs Sprat does (4,3,3)
16 Every plot, by the way, will have one (8)
18 Bird, bulb or insect (9)
20 It may support the board (7)
21 It's important to one's standing as a rider (7)
23 Rep may get an order (5)
25 Such a river has its ups and downs (5)
26 Assumed, we hear, to give notice (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Crew cut, 5 Tacit, 8 Relations, 9 Rye, 10 Owns, 12 Apparent, 14 Sprite, 15 Sortie, 17 Drilling, 18 Myth, 21 Cos, 22 Tarantula, 24 Rests, 25 Extends.

Down: 1 Curio, 2 Eel, 3 Cato, 4 Troupe, 5 Testator, 6 Carpentry, 7 Theatre, 11 Narcissus, 13 Athletes, 14 Sidecar, 16 Untrue, 19 Heats, 20 Inst, 23 Urn.

KPCC President D K Shivakumar and senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge guide hundreds of party workers in Bengaluru in their protest against rising petrol and diesel price | PANDARINATH B

> The CM went to Belagavi for a wedding. What action was taken? You have seen Sriramulu's event, Eshwarappa's event in Shivamogga, a minister posted a photo from his swimming pool... What action was taken against them?
>
> DK Shivakumar, KPCC President

Cong hops on to saddle to protest fuel price hike, forgets distancing norms

DyCM Karjol says cases will be filed against the organisers for violating lockdown norms

ANUSHA RAVI @ Bengaluru

AS part of its national protest against increasing fuel prices, the Karnataka unit of the Congress took out a bicycle rally on Monday. Senior leaders of the party hopped on to bicycles and led hundreds of party workers in Bengaluru, as they peddled towards their party headquarters.

While the intent was to protest the hike in fuel prices, the Congress ended up violating social distancing norms, as hundreds cycled together and crowded outside the Congress Party office and then moved in a rally towards the Income Tax office near Minsk Square, without masks, shouting slogans and waving flags. The gathering was also a violation of the Union Home Ministry's guidelines prohibiting any social, religious or political gatherings. The Congress' mass gathering drew severe flak from netizens.

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar led the cycle rally till the party office from his residence in Sadashivnagar to the Congress office, as hundreds of workers followed closely. Former chief minister Siddaramaiah, too, cycled from his residence to the party office with dozens of supporters. Former Home Minister KJ George cycled by himself, without violating norms. Senior Congress leaders like Rajya Sabha member Mallikarjun Kharge, KPCC Working Presidents Eshwar Khandre and Salim Ahmed, and Congress legislators were present. As part of their protest, Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah even carried the 'dead body' of a scooter.

"During the UPA regime, cess on petrol was Rs 9.30 and on diesel Rs 3.45, but now it is Rs 32.98 and Rs 31.98 respectively. That is a 258% and 820% hike respectively. Is this a hike or robbery?" asked Siddaramaiah, addressing party workers. Later in the day, the Congress submitted a memorandum to Karnataka Governor Vajubhai Vala, urging him to compel the government to roll back the hike in fuel prices.

"The Congress is behaving irresponsibly at a time the state is dealing with a huge crisis like corona," said Deputy Chief Minister Govind Karjol told the media, following Congress' protest. He added that cases will be filed against the organisers for violating lockdown norms. The party is said to have obtained permission to hold a protest and gather 200 people with adequate social distancing, but the cycle rally saw party workers gather by the hundreds.

Implement SC/ST Act in 'true spirit', HC directs state

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court on Monday issued notice to the state government to implement the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules 1995.

Hearing the public interest litigation filed by Committee for Monitoring and Strengthening SC and STs in Karnataka, a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Nataraj Rangaswamy ordered that notices be issued to Social Welfare Department, Police Department and Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement.

The petitioner pointed out the failure of the state government to implement the Act. "It is the duty of the state government to implement the act and rules in true letter and spirit," the bench said while directing the state to file the statement of objections by July 16.

Portal to bridge gap between worker, firm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE state government on Monday launched 'Skill Connect', an online portal to bridge the gap between the unemployed and recruiters.

Speaking after launching the portal, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa said that the government is taking measures to create employment opportunities and to help up-skill job seekers. "While the portal will connect people with firms looking for skilled workers, the government will also take up talent acceleration programme to help 1,000 graduates upgrade their skills," Yediyurappa said.

Those looking for jobs can directly register on https://skillconnect.kaushalkar.com by uploading details of their educational qualification. Firms looking for skilled workers too can register on the portal. Job seekers can look for opportunities in different sectors as well as different regions within the state.

Deputy Chief Minister and Skill Development Minister Dr CN Ashwath Narayan said, "All these years, there was no communication between job seekers and recruiters. The portal will solve that problem." He added that skill development was not in sync with market.

ONLINE JOB FAIR

Karnataka Skill Development Corporation is also organising an online job fair on July 7, to help people who have lost their jobs due to the pandemic.

CRIME PATROL

Two more plead guilty in Chinnaswamy Stadium blasts case

Bengaluru: Two more accused in the Chinnaswamy stadium twin bomb blast case have confessed before the NIA Special Court. The court has adjourned the order on the quantum of punishment till Tuesday. Ghayur Ahmad Jamali and Aftab Alam alias Farooq, both from Bihar, have pleaded guilty before the court recently. They confessed that they were active members of Indian Mujahideen and had taken part in the conspiracy meetings at a flat in New Delhi in the last week of February 2010. On June 22, both were convicted for the offences committed under various sections of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA) and the IPC. Earlier in 2018, four other accused had also pleaded guilty and were convicted for seven years. It may be recalled that two low-intensity bombs had exploded at M Chinnaswamy stadium just a few minutes before an IPL match on April 17, 2010, wich injured 15 people including cops. Another bomb was defused by Bengaluru police.

Man murders wife over family dispute

Bengaluru: A woman was killed by her husband in Chandapura Road. The deceased Yogashri (30) was staying with her husband Arun in Basavanahalli. Police said that on Sunday, the couple was quarrelling and in a fit of rage, Arun slit her throat with a knife. The neighbours heard Yogashri scream and entered the house, only to find her lying in a pool of blood. They alerted the Suryanagar police and the body was taken for postmortem. The accused has been arrested.

Cops turn blind eye to online harassment plaint

TANIA THOMAS @ Bengaluru

IN this internet-dependent new normal times, there has been an increase in online harassment and cyber crimes. However, the police seem to be ill-equipped to deal with the increasing cases.

27-year-old Ayushi (name changed), who had to deal with online stalking and threats, was further harassed when she sought help from the police. "I was stalked by one of my ex-colleagues on social media. He went to the extent of sending messages to my boss, father and friends," she said.

She approached Viveknagar Police Station to file a complaint. "A lady constable first told me not to go ahead with the FIR as it is a tedious process. After making me wait for over an hour, she told me that the IT guy was not available, so the complaint cannot be registered," she said.

She was then directed to the Cyber cell in Cubbon Park, where she was told that her case didn't involve child pornography or gangrape, hence, was not worthy of a complaint. "They do this to de-motivate you from reporting such crimes," she lamented.

Ayushi could finally file a complaint after the Director General of Police took a note of the issue following a LinkedIn post.

Rafeek KM, Inspector at Viveknagar police station tolf *TNIE*, "Initially, we did not get a clear picture of the case. Later, when it was explained clearly, the case was registered," he said.

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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale Notice For Sale of Immovable Property

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **23.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.58,41,931/-** (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakhs Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty One only) as on 26.02.2020 and interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Smt. Keerthana Shekar** W/o. Sri. Shekar (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs.34,84,800/-	Rs.3,48,480/-	Rs.30,000/-	21.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SPB/EA/01

Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Smt.Keerthana Shekar)

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.4-12 (2BHK) situated in Fourth Floor, of the Apartment "Shivaganga Temple View", measuring 1080 sq. ft of super built up area, consisting of Two Bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen, Attached Bathrooms-cum-toilets, Vitrified flooring, Main Door finished with Teak Wood Frame with compressed Modular Doors, Rooms and Bath Rooms Doors are finished with Flush Doors and connected with Electricity, Water and Sanitary and all other facilities, Lift, Generator, KEB connection, and all other facilities is bounded on the East by : Flat No.FF1, West by : Flat No.FF11, North by : Site No.81, South by : Lobby with 100 sq. ft undivided right, title and interest the property bearing Site No's.77,78,79 and 80, Old Khatha No.52/1, Old BBMP Khatha No.443/77,78, 445/80 and 444/79, Present BBMP Khatha No.445/80, formed in Converted Survey No.52/1, (Converted for Non-Agricultural Residential purpose vide order No.B.DIS.ALN.SR (S) 353/96-97 dated : 28.04.1997, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru), situated at Vasanthapura Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk presently comes within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike, Vasanthapura Ward No.197, Vasanthapura, Bengaluru, measuring East to West : On Northern Side:88-0 feet, On Southern side: 103-0 feet, and North to South : 160-0 feet and bounded by : East by : Road, West by : Iskcon Property, North by : Site No.81, South by : Site No.76.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 29.06.2020

Sd/-Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SPB Branch

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Date: 26-06-2020

APPENDIX-IV-A
[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/Charged to **Union Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor, and possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Union Bank of India, the Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is Where is", and "As is What is", and "Whatever there is"** basis, on **17.07.2020 (From 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM)** for recovery of dues of respective borrowers as on **31.05.2020** together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to **Union Bank of India**/Secured Creditor, in separate lots. The Reserve Price and the earnest money deposit (EMD,To be deposited on or before **15.07.2020 (By 4.30 PM)**) will be as per the table given below.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:

Lot No.	Details of Borrower with dues as on 31.05.2020 and Schedule of property	Reserve Price	EMD
1	**Name of Account: Y V Shiva Priya & Another** **Dues: Rs.88,87,376.12** **Schedule:** All that piece and parcel of House property bearing Site No. 76, Assessment No. 212, in Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bengaluru, BBMP no. 76/126, Ward No. 16, Karnataka H.B.C.S 2nd Stage Road, Kamalanagar, Bengaluru, PID No. 16-45-76/126, comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP, Measuring East to West : (45 + 50)/2 feet, North to South: 20 Feet , totally measuring 950Sq.ft., constructed 19 Squares RCC Roofed house with all Civic amenities and bounded on East: Road, West: Private property, North: Site No.77 & South: Site No.75	Rs.50,00,000.00	Rs.5,00,000.00
2	**Name of Account: R Girish & Another** **Dues: Rs.43,29,880.25** **Schedule:** Flat No. G-2, Ground Floor, Krishna Dhama Apartment, Site No. 15, Near Jain Swadeshi Apartment, Gubbalalu Main Road, Gubbalalu & Turahalli Layout II Stage, Vajramuni Nagara Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru- 560061, with a 1125 sft super builtup area and 298 sft UDS with car parking bounded on East – by Flat No. G-3, West – by Staircase, North – by Corridor & South - by open Space.	Rs.19,50,000.00	Rs.1,95,000.00
3	**Name of Account: K Somasekhar & Another** **Dues: Rs.39,60,788.45** **Schedule:** Flat No.F-3, First Floor, Krishna Dhama Apartment, Site No.15, Near Jain Swadeshi Apartment, Gubbalalu Main Road, Gubbalalu & Turahalli Layout II Stage, Vajramuni Nagara, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru – 560 061, with a 1164 sft super built up area and 298 sft UDS with car parking bounded on East - by open space, West - by Flat No.F-2, North – by Corridor, South – by open space	Rs.24,00,000.00	Rs.2,40,000.00
4	**Name of Account: Javeed M & Another** **Dues: Rs.42,63,213.69** **Schedule:** All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Property At "Unik Paradise" Flat No 304, 3rd Floor, New BBMP No 8, PID No 95-349-8, Site No 43 and 43A, Khata No. 1378 and 379, Assessment No 11/1 and 12/3, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura Extension 2nd Block, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore – 560045 Measuring super built up area 900 Sq ft along with 205 Sq ft undivided share., Bounded on the North by: Property No 44, South by: Property No 42, East by: 4th Cross Road & West by: Property no 40 and 41	Rs.33,04,000.00	Rs.3,31,000.00
5	**Name of Account: S Karthik & Another** **Dues: Rs.64,46,413.99** **Schedule:** All that Piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Flat No.102, 1st Floor, "INDUS PARADISE" having Super Built Up Area of 1270 Sq.ft situated at New Municipal No.1/3-1, earlier Municipal No.1/3 (231) situated at 4th Cross, 12th Main Road, Lakkasandra Extension, Bangalore 560030, Flat bounded on East by: Open to sky, West by: Open to Sky and Flat No.103, North by: Corridor & Steps and South by: Open to Sky, Building Boundaries: East by: Property of Sri.Krishnappa, West by: Property of Sri. Bose & others, North by: Road and Property of Kothari and South by: Property of Raghupathi and others.	Rs.80,00,000.00	Rs.8,00,000.00

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Union Bank of India,** the Secured Creditor's website i.e. **"http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/".**

The aforesaid properties will be sold by "Online E-Auction through website **https://ubi.auctiontiger.net on 17-07-2020** (from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM) for recovery of an amount as mentioned in the above table together with future interest and legal/other expenses. Bidders are advised to visit the Bank's website **"http://www.unionbankofindia.co.in/"** for detailed terms and conditions of e-auction sale and other details before submitting their Bids for taking part in the e-auction. Bidder may also visit the website **http://ubi.auctiontiger.net** of Service Provider **M/s. E-procurement technologies Ltd,** Ahmedabad, (website: **http://ubi.auctiontiger.net)** {Contact No. 9900557732 Contact person Mr.Manohar V (Bangalore), Cell 7353931866, e-mail ID **Karnataka@auctiontiger.net.**

The interested bidder may contact the Chief Manager of **Union Bank of India, Mr.Gopal T M** for ascertaining the details of auction and inspection of property, Contact: Mobile.No.84370 24555; Tel.No.080-2223 2780/2295 8279 e-mail ID: **arbbangalore@unionbankofindia.com**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/r 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower/s and Guarantor/s of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 26.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Union Bank of India

Capital Region Urban Transport
Block-1, 2nd Floor, BMC Bhawani Mall, Saheed Nagar Bhubaneswar ,
Odisha , Pin - 751007, E-mail: crutbbsr@gmail.com, Phone No. 0674 2548625

Notice No. 597/CRUT

Contractual Engagement

Date. 26/06/2020

1. Applications are invited from the candidates for filling up the following posts for Capital Region Urban Transport (**CRUT**) for smooth management of City Bus Services operated by CRUT on contractual basis :

Sl.No.	Designation	Number of Vacant Post
1	General Manager (Operations)	1
2	Manager (Intelligent Transport System)	1
3	Assistant Manager (Intelligent Transport System)	1
4	Assistant Manager (Field Operation)	1
5	Assistant Manager (Depot)	3
6	Assistant Manager (Public Bi-cycle Sharing)	1
7	Assistant Manager (Training and Capacity Building)	1
8	Assistant Manager (Route Planning)	1
9	Assistant Manager (Engineering)	1

2. Details of the **"Job Description"** for each position shall be available in the website: www.capitalregiontransport.in
3. The eligible candidate may apply for these vacancies by submitting their application in the prescribed application form (attached along with Job Description) through Registered Post/ Speed Post along with their CV and self attested copy of documental proofs and it should be reach to CRUT office on or before **23.07.2020.**

General Manager (P&A)
Capital Region Urban Transport

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/EE(O)/AEE-1/F-T5/20-21/1119-20 Date: 29.06.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Mode Only)

KPTCL invites Tenders on Partial Turnkey Basis against Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BRAZ/Tower-66kV line/EPR-590/ dtd: 23.06.2020 for **Combined Package for the works of 1) Replacement of existing T-34 of 'A+6' (Zig-Zag tower) type by DC 'B+6' extension tower of Kalpatharu design in 66kV S/C Chintamani-Yenigadale S/C line near Somayajalahalli road limits in TLI section Chinthamani of TLM sub-section division, Kolar, in TL&SS Division, Chinthamani coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Maintenance) Circle, BRAZ, KPTCL, Hebbal, Bengaluru in KPTCL, Bengaluru Transmission Zone. 2) Providing intermediate tower of 'D+0' type Narrow based KPTCL design tower in S/C 66kV Iragampalli line at location between No. 5&6 near Gopasandra limits in TLI section Chinthamani of TLM Sub-Division, Kolar, in TL&SS Division, Chinthamani coming under the jurisdiction of Tr(M), BRAZ Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru.**

The Bids will be received through **electronic tendering mode only.** The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained by login on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"eprocurement-KPTCL"** or **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **30.06.2020.** Any details required in this can also be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele)**
Transmission (M), BRAZ, KPTCL, UAS Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024, Phone : 080-23513952

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COVID-19

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TRACKING COVID-19

BBMP has identified several more covid care centres for asymptomatic cases — Government Ayurveda Medical College with 200 beds, GKVK students' hostel with 600 beds, Hotel City Centaur International, Majestic, with 200 beds, and the Chancery Pavilion on Residency Road with 200 beds

176 NEW RECOVERIES

7,683 TOTAL RECOVERED

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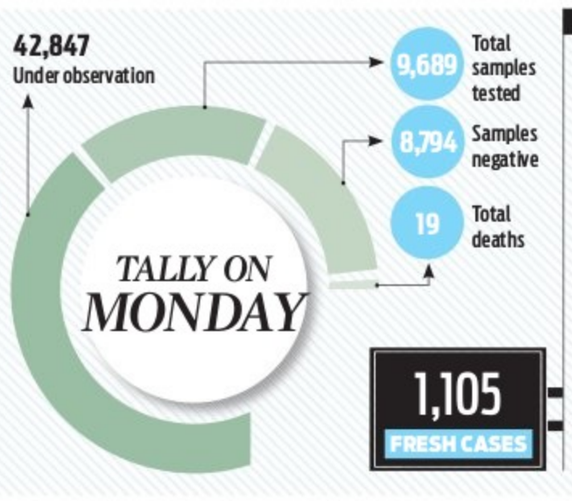
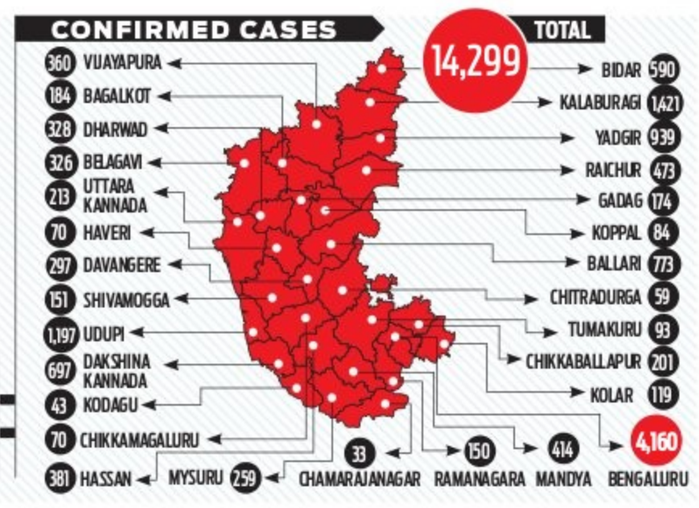




AILING HEALTHCARE NEEDS ICU

Both govt and private hospitals in state turn away critically ill patients citing lack of beds

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

THE healthcare system in Karnataka seems to be on the verge of collapse with both the government and private hospitals turning away Covid-19 and other patients saying they are running out of beds. The growing concern is that this situation is leading to the death of some patients.

A relative of a deceased patient who had breathlessness revealed he went to 30 hospitals for nine hours and yet all the private hospitals denied treatment saying there were no beds. Another patient's relative stated that at least three hospitals refused treatment in the wee hours of Monday for a person whose blood pressure was falling, which led to his death too.

Dinesh Jain, resident of Nagrathpet, tried for more than 12 hours to get his 52-year-old uncle admitted in a private hospital, and contacted more than 50 private hospitals in the city and everyone had the same answers "We are running out of beds". With no treatment in place, Dinesh's uncle died on Sunday.

MORE COVID FACILITIES

With the rising Covid-19 cases, the city corporation has announced to increase the number of Covid centres and beds to house patients and asymptomatic primary and secondary contacts. As per an order of BBMP Commissioner B H Anil Kumar, directions have been issued to create a 7,000 bed Covid care centre at the Bengaluru exhibition centre. Also a 3,000 bed facility will be set up in Tripura Vasini in Palace Grounds, 750 beds facilities in the hostels of both Bengaluru University campuses and 250 each at Koramanagala indoor stadium and Dayanand Sagar University in Kumaraswamy Layout.

"It was around 7 pm on Saturday when my uncle started to feel breathless and immediately we rushed him to 30 private hospitals. They said there were no beds available. I also called 50 hospitals, they refused too. From 7pm to 4 am, I kept trying.

"Then I took him back home. The next day we went to a private testing lab and gave his samples for testing. By then, his health started to deteriorate. I took him to a government hospital. They too refused treatment and at 11.30 pm on Sunday, my uncle died in the ambulance," said Dinesh.

"However, my uncle's reports are yet to come," he said.

In another case, 65-year-old Wilson Paul, resident of TC Palya, woke up around 11 pm feeling uneasy. He was refused treatment at private hospitals and Paul died on Sunday. "We reached out to three hospitals. One hospital only checked my father's BP while the second hospital we went to was closed. The third hospital TOO did not treat him. And my father passed away" said Mark, son of Paul.

In another case, a 45-year-old Covid-19 patient from Gottigere was refused treatment by nine hospitals. "The patient tested positive on Friday. We tried both in a private and a government hospital. Everybody said beds were full. From 11.30 pm to 3 am we tried, but to no avail and we took the patient home. Then next day after repeated attempts we got a bed at the Prakriya Hospital, thanks to Dr Srinivas, CEO of the hospital. The patient was saved just in time," said Zurzur Hararwala, member of Fakhri Medical Centre, a social organisation.

When *The New Indian Express* contacted Jawaid Akhtar, Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, he said, "Right now, there is task team for transportation. Once they get details about the Covid-19 case, they immediately go and pick up the patient.

"There are times patients give wrong contact numbers and it is difficult for the team to track them. However, if nobody is coming to pick them up, the patients can call 108 and immediately an ambulance will arrive. As for non-Covid patients, e are getting increasing complaints that they are not getting treatment. We are making the system more robust. We will ensure that strict action is taken against erring hospitals."

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

KR Market traffic police maintain social distancing during a routine meeting in Bengaluru on Monday. The area was sealed down after a Covid positive case was reported | VINOD KUMAR T

K'taka races past 1K mark again

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOR the second day in a row, the State recorded more than 1,000 corona cases, with 1,105 new Covid-positive patients on Monday. With this, Karnataka's tally stands at 14,295 cases.

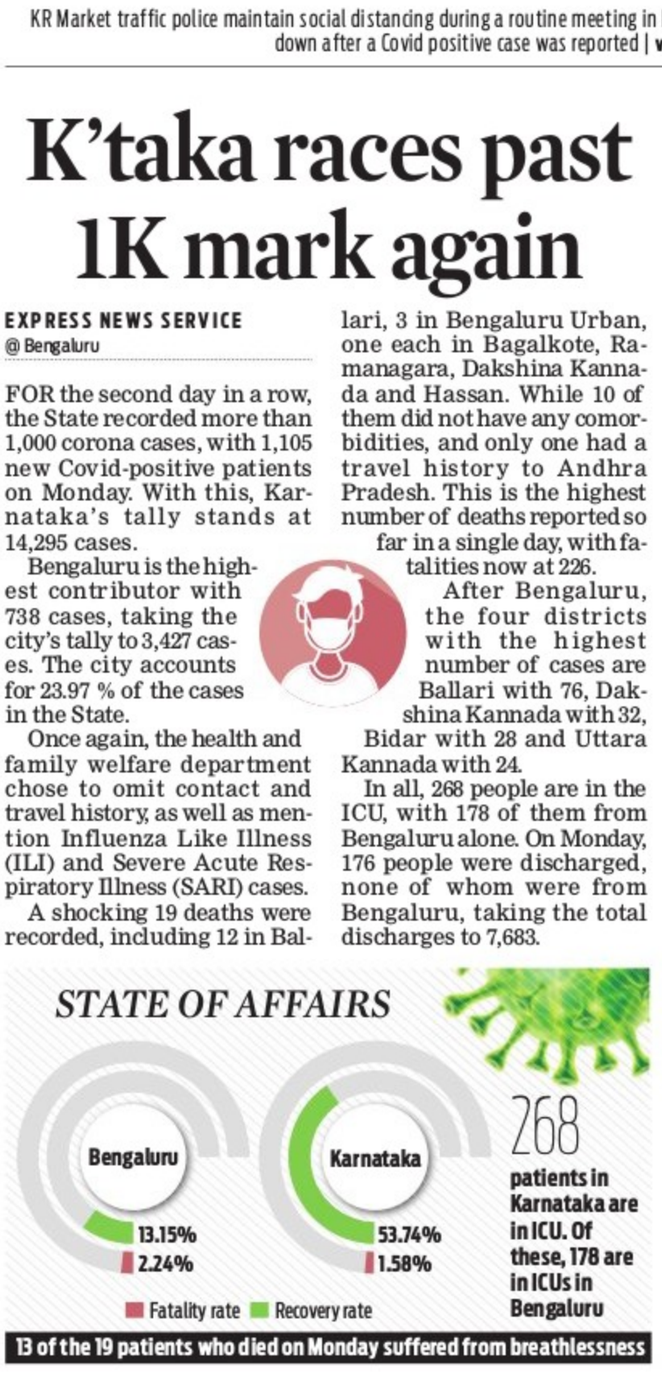
Bengaluru is the highest contributor with 738 cases, taking the city's tally to 3,427 cases. The city accounts for 23.97 % of the cases in the State.

Once again, the health and family welfare department chose to omit contact and travel history, as well as mention Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) cases.

A shocking 19 deaths were recorded, including 12 in Ballari, 3 in Bengaluru Urban, one each in Bagalkote, Ramanagara, Dakshina Kannada and Hassan. While 10 of them did not have any comorbidities, and only one had a travel history to Andhra Pradesh. This is the highest number of deaths reported so far in a single day, with fatalities now at 226.

After Bengaluru, the four districts with the highest number of cases are Ballari with 76, Dakshina Kannada with 32, Bidar with 28 and Uttara Kannada with 24.

In all, 268 people are in the ICU, with 178 of them from Bengaluru alone. On Monday, 176 people were discharged, none of whom were from Bengaluru, taking the total discharges to 7,683.



13 of the 19 patients who died on Monday suffered from breathlessness

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa at a meeting with managements of private hospitals in Bengaluru on Monday

State taking all efforts, no need to panic: CM

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TRYING to allay apprehensions over surge in Covid-19 positive cases in the state, especially Bengaluru, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday said the state government is doing everything possible and has been successful in containing the spread of the Coronavirus.

"There is no need for panic. Compared to number of positive cases in Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai or Kolkata, we have managed to successfully prevent the spread in Bengaluru," the CM said, explaining the situation in other big cities and the number of cases reported in Bengaluru. "We have taken steps to admit people to hospitals, provide good treatment and good food. All my cabinet colleagues are making all efforts," he said after a meeting with managements of private hospitals.

COVID WATCH

Sriramulu chairs task force meet

Health Minister B Sriramulu on Monday held a meeting with members of the Covid Task Force and discussed how to provide better facilities for virus affected patients in various hospitals. The meeting also decided that random sample testings will be conducted on officials in private medical colleges in the coming days.

New weekly holiday for Mysuru Zoo

Following the state government's decision to implement Sunday lockdown from this week, authorities of Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru zoo) have announced changing the weekly holiday from Tuesday to Sunday till further orders.

Six lakh people across Karnataka tested for Covid, says minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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EVEN as the state has been recording a huge spurt in Covid-19 cases with every passing day, Minister for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar on Monday said that "close to one per cent population of the state (six lakh) has undergone Covid-19 tests against the population of six crore".

He was speaking during the inauguration of a Covid testing centre at JSS Hospital in the city, via video conference along with Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, from Bengaluru.

Sudhakar said that "the tests are being conducted on a priority which has helped the state in handling the situation. It is also helping in gauging the extent of spread of virus in society".

Further, he said that starting from two Covid testing laboratories in February, the state has added 79 such labs in just a span of four months, with the inauguration of the new facility in Mysuru in the day. It was possible as the authorities were able to convince Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) to do away with their direct intervention and instead have NIMHANS as the nodal office for the state to approve the laboratories.

LAB AT JSS

The lab at JSS the first private COVID testing lab in Mysuru is equipped to handle 90 to 100 tests a day in the initial stages. It is believed to ease the burden on VRDL facility at KR Hospital and augment the testing capacity in the district. It will also enable those who want to test themselves by paying the prescribed rates.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa stressed on the importance of increasing testings in the state and opined that "JSS Hospital should be a model for other private medical facilities in the state".

Suttur Seer Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Swamiji appealed to the public to come forward and voluntarily get themselves tested to allay fear. If the infection goes undetected, the possibility of spread cannot be denied.

Over 4,000 citizens sign up for HQ squads

IFFATH FATHIMA @Bengaluru

OVER 4,000 citizens from Bengaluru have volunteered to join 'Home Quarantine' squads, an initiative taken up by Karnataka recently to form a special task force that will rope in people to form 'citizen quarantine' squads.

In no time, many volunteers registered to join the team headed by Captain P Manivannan, secretary, Animal Husbandry department, and in charge of the Home Quarantine squads.

The squads get a list of people who are home-quarantined, and visit their homes to check if they are staying indoors or have violated norms. If they are not found at home, they are booked for violating norms by the flying squad, which includes the police too. From mid-June till date, 84 FIRs were registered against those who violated norms. The team also puts up Home Quarantine (HQ) posters outside these houses to mark them.

As of June 27, the total number of people in home quarantine in the State is 1,13,661. Bengaluru Urban has 65,560 citizens in home quarantine, the highest in Karnataka.

The citizen squads are divided into teams and a Telegram group is created in their respective wards with a team head taking charge. Another Telegram group includes the eight BBMP zonal officers and team heads, and alerts the members on day-to-day update on those violating quarantine norms.

Subir Sehgal, Bengaluru citizen coordinator, said, "Once people register themselves, the teams are able to see the number of people in home quarantine in the Quarantine Watch app. The person's name and details are given and the team has to reach the spot and check on the patient. We make surprise visits. We stand outside the house and call the patient. If the patient comes out, we know that he/she has not breached the rules."

A BBMP official said, "Home quarantine for 14 days is a must. If they breach rules, an FIR is filed."

Those who wish to join the squad can visit the website www.quarantinesquad.in and register as a volunteer at register.quarantinesquad.in and join the local ward Telegram group.

The National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences is all set to help Covid patients with milder symptoms improve their oxygen levels through yoga, pending approval from the Union government. If the Ayush Ministry approves the project, patients' consent will be obtained and sessions will be conducted virtually through a television screen installed in the ward.

Tele-ICU expanded for critical cases to B'luru

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

ALL eyes are on Bengaluru, not only for its growing Covid-19 numbers, but also high mortality rate.

The Critical Care Support Team, which keeps track of patients in ICU across the state, has expanded its services to Bengaluru too.

"We started it three days ago for Bengaluru patients at Victoria Hospital, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases and Bowring Hospitals. Across the state, 268 patients are in ICU and 39 are on ventilators. In Bengalulru, 178 patients are in ICU and 32 on ventilators," said Dr K V Trilok Chandra, Special officer for high-risk COVID-19 cases.

"We guide doctors on treatment protocols, modification in approach, use of repurposed drugs and when to start them, changes in dosage, etc," Dr Chandra said.

The high-risk category being monitored includes patients aged above 50 years, below 10 years and those with comorbidities.

The Case Fatality Rate (CFR) stands at 1.5% for the state, 2.6% for Bengaluru and 1.1% for districts excluding Bengaluru. As of Sunday, Bengaluru had recorded 88 deaths, followed by Bidar with 19 and Kalaburagi 18.

"There is a surveillance problem in Bidar and Kalaburagi with patients coming in late, or private medical establishments referring late. We had 3-4 cases where they were brought in dead," Dr Chandra said.

Doctors from Manipal and Columbia Asia hospitals are on the CCST team, while specialists from Narayana Health too joined recently, but only to monitor patients in Bengaluru.

BETTER CURE

Citizens rush to homeopathic centres for magic immunity pills

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

HOLDING prevention to be better than cure, citizens are rushing to government homeopathy centres for doses of free immunity boosting homeopathic medicines. Karnataka has seen a drastic jump in the number of Covid-19 cases in the past few days, with a big surge in Bengaluru.

Though these medicines were being given free of cost over the past few months, the rush has increased multifold in the past couple of days, in keeping with Covid cases. However, government homeopathic doctors are not handing over the magic pills like earlier; they are assessing the condition of each patient before giving medicines, and those showing ILI or any Covid-19 symptoms are being referred to fever clinics.

The queues are lengthening due of multiple reasons, apart from the rise in cases -- media reports of community spread, besides success stories citizens have heard from friends, colleagues and relatives in states like Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.

"The health ministry had issued an advisory and circular to all states to supply free homeopathic immunity boosting medicines to everyone. While states like Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh aggressively distributed the pills, Karnataka, West Bengal and some other states have not. We can only advise. These are arsenic album pills and have no side-effects as they are traditional medicines, and tests have also shown positive signs," said Debatta Nayak, nodal officer for Covid-19, Ministry of Ayush.

Citizens who have shown no symptoms are being given 1-7 pills to be taken thrice a day for three days, based on their body type and other medical conditions. These medicines are similar to the immunity boosting pills being given to Covid-19 workers.

Meenakshi Negi, commissioner, Department of Ayush, said there are 650 dispensaries and 200 Ayush hospitals in the state, where people can procure these medicines. Earlier, they were distributed in villages and other areas, based on requests from resident welfare associations, but not any more. With a rise in cases, they cannot be given to all, and are prescribed only after a thorough examination.

LOCKDOWN 6.0 IN TN TILL JULY 31

State reports 3.9K fresh cases and 62 deaths, taking the tally to 86,224

WHAT IS ALLOWED

- IT companies can function with 50 per cent employees (maximum 80 customers)
- Showrooms (except malls), can function with 50 % employees. Not more than five customers should be allowed
- Only three persons can travel in Call taxis and hired taxis
- Dine-in service allowed in restaurants
- Two passengers allowed in autorickshaws

As Tamil Nadu enters the not-so-intensified lockdown from Wednesday, Coimbatore was seen inching back to normalcy on Monday | RAJA CHIDAMBARAM

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BRACE UP, for another round of lockdown is here. Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami on Monday announced extension of certain restrictions till July 31 across the State. However, the intensified lockdown that is currently being enforced in Chennai, its neighbouring districts, and Madurai will end on Sunday (July 5).

From the following day, the lockdown will be implemented as it was till June 19, except on Sundays when it will be complete. In a major move, Palaniswami has announced that public darshan would be allowed in small temples, mosques, and churches in all village panchayats from July 1, except within the Chennai police limits. From July 16, temples in Tiruvallur, Chengalpattu, Kancheepuram and Madurai may also allow darshan.

These decisions come on a day when the State reported 3,949 cases and 62 deaths, of which 2,167 cases and 37 deaths were in Chennai. The State's tally now stands at 86,224 and toll at 1,141. An increase in deaths among younger patients has sparked concerns. A 13-year-old boy from Pudukottai district with dermatomyositis admitted in Thanjavur Medical College Hospital died on June 27.

IPS officer's wife spat on me, claims neighbour

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A woman was allegedly intimidated by police and abused by an IPS officer's wife, after she reportedly requested the officer's son not to make a noise while playing.

The wife of the IPS officer – who recently tested positive for Covid-19 and is an accused in a multi-crore corruption case – allegedly spat on the woman's face.

According to the woman, an alumni of National Law University in Delhi, the officer's family lives two storeys below their house.

The woman narrated the incident on a social media platform, saying, "His kid (probably around 8) was screeching loudly while playing, to such a point that I politely informed his mother, and the kid to not make noise... What followed was that eight police officers came to our home and yelled at us, citing child abuse, and two men recorded my video without my consent."

When she went to the officer's house to ask them not to use such intimidation tactics, the officer's wife allegedly spat on her face and hurled filthy abuses at her.

"What fun. And no one would do anything about this s**t and they would get away with this behaviour every single time. Consistently. Apart from sanitising my face, not much I can do, right?" the woman said in her post.

BLACK SHEEP?

50 animals to be tested after shepherd catches virus

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@Tumakuru

IN a bizarre case, a shepherd testing positive for Covid-19 has set the authorities behind his herd of 50 sheep to draw the throat swab samples of these animals. Since the incident occurred in Gollarahatti hamlet near Godekere village in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk, district in-charge minister J C Madhuswamy, who represents the constituency, has been particular about drawing the samples of the animals.

"The swabs will have to be sent to a laboratory at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh. Until then, there will be a ban on the butchering of sheep in the region," Madhuswamy said.

If all goes well and if experts can identify the animals, as there were over 200 grazed along with the 50 suspected sheep, the samples would be drawn on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old patient hails from the traditional shepherd family and had gone to Nelamangala in Bengaluru Rural district on some work and might have contracted the virus there, officials said. He developed symptoms of fever and cough and had been to the Primary Health Centre (PHC) at Godekere.

"The sheep will have to be quarantined until further notice following a report from the lab," said Madhuswamy.

STATE PULSE

PANGONG MELTS, BELLARY'S DENIM CATCHES THE BLUES

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Consensus, an illegal migrant in the North, still feels at home here. A Kempe Gowda event can have BS Yediyurappa, Deve Gowda and D K Shiv Kumar in the same frame—though no one is asking why a costly statue is a priority now

IT could well be two different wars. One is fighting on terra firma—on fine kilometre gauges, on fingers, ledges, narrow mountain turns, a stone-cold valley en route to the frozen alkaline deserts of Aksai Chin, home only to the ibex, the blue sheep and the itinerant jawan. The other is waged in the netherworld of social media. Here too, clubs and nail-studded maces are used—almost as if a primordial virus has taken the human race back in time. Ordinary life too is proving quite a duel unto death all over India consequent to that deadly scuffle in Ladakh.

The garment factories of Bellary don't have a shirt on their back. Just as the serene blue of the Pangong Tso was disturbed by Chinese footfalls, the episode has left creases on the blue jeans of the colliery town too. Cheap Chinese denim is apparently not an option for these MSMEs anymore; they have to perforce source more expensive material from South Korea and Japan. The influencers of social media will have it no other way! If you can't be at the border defending the posts—Patrol Point 14 or Finger-4—you might at least be ready to be hemmed into a different cut of cloth. The test of patriotism after all has to be passed.

As for the tests, there are too many to be taken and passed by us Indians. Chinese apps and chowmein are out! Restaurant owners, the big daddies included, better rename their swish haunts. Why only Bellary's jeans? Ming Room? Ah, isn't restoring the geographical sway of the Great Ming Dynasty the prime impulse driving the bosses of Beijing? Whether up on the Karakoram or out on the tiny archipelagos of South China Sea?

Children across Karnataka are taking one too—writing the SSLC exam is itself a test! What with social distancing, hand sanitising, masks, and of course question papers and answer sheets. State Education Minister S Suresh Kumar is more often than not to be found in and around exam halls. No, he's not taking the SSLC again, just playing a superparent-at-large, touring the facilities.

Board exams during a pandemic are no small matter, particularly when Bengaluru is not exactly in pink of health. There's also the SARI-ILI cases, and the return of the native is compounding matters. The CBSE and ICSE have cried off from holding the classes X and XII board exams, with Supreme Court endorsement.

Neighbouring Tamil Nadu has also decided to promote students without putting them through the grill. Why Karnataka decided to go against the tide is a mystery. Maybe the situation indeed seemed manageable here, before unlocking played spoilsport.

The biggest test, of course, is still about whether or not the virus has literally made incursions inside your body's LAC. It has in any case hit just about everything, from normal social interchange to economic well-being. Jobs are falling off a steep Himalayan cliff.

Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa has been trying to balance two contrary needs: health and economy. But health is dependent on wealth. And the virus is refusing to be kept at bay, surfacing and resurfacing seemingly at will.

Karnataka's positivity rate of 2.04 per cent is still much better than the national average (6.45 per cent) and way below the scary figures of Maharashtra (17.67), Delhi (16.76) or even Tamil Nadu's 7.27. Counting the dead to prove a point is a morbid task, but on that unavoidable parameter too Karnataka is much better placed. Higher testing has brought a discomfiting spike in cases.

But Karnataka does look like an island of hope. The Opposition protests, but within limits, whether on Covid or China. A former prime minister chooses the formality of a written query to seek answers on the Chinese incursions, not a rancorous national debate. The CM calls all-party meetings where they give 'constructive suggestions'.

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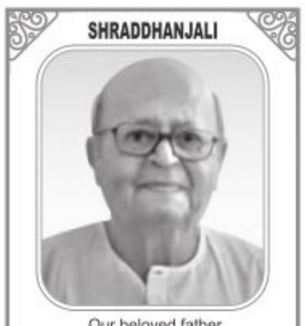
SHRADDHANJALI



Our beloved father
Shri Bhasker Bhai Shah,
aged 85, peacefully left for his heavenly abode on Monday, 29th June, 2020.
May we pray for his blessed soul's everlasting peace.
Deeply Mourned by :
Pushpa Shah
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Ashish – Michael Larivee
Priyal – Ricken – Prerana-Aria
Host of friends, relatives, well wishers and the entire Dynamic Family.
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Due to lockdown, we request family and friends to pray for the departed soul from home.

PUBLIC NOTICE

1. Sri. Hanumanthaiah, Residing at Bydarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Benagaluru Rural District. I Have lost below mentioned original document pertaining to property bearing No. 8/1, situated at Byadarahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District, in this regard a Police complaint also registered before Nelamangala Rural Police Station.
Registered Sale Deed Dated: 14-04-1958, executed by Smt. Ningayallamma in favour of Sri.Hanumaiah registered Document No.170/1958-59, executed by Sri.Hanumaiah registered document No.514/1978-79 of Book-1, Volume No.887, at pages 179 to 181, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala and other connected documents.
If anybody found these documents contact
Hanumanthaiah **9980838989**

In the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam
(Original Jurisdiction)
In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
and
In the matter of M/s. Appletree Chits India Private Ltd.
(in Liquidation)
C.P. No.2/2014
Notice of winding up order
By an order made by the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala at Ernakulam in the above matter dated the 8th day of November, 2019, it was ordered that the above named company be wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956.
Date this the 29th day of June, 2020
Official Liquidator
High Court of Kerala

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(BELLARY THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No.: KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT9946/CALL-5 Date: 26.06.2020
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bids are invited from qualified agencies through e-tender platform through two cover system for the following below works. The intending bidder can download the tender document from e-Procurement website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The EMD amount shall be paid through e-procurement portal. Name of the work: **"Repair / Reconditioning / Refurbishment of Carrier make chiller installed at Unit-1 TG BTPS".** Last date for submission: **03.07.2020 upto 15.00 hrs. EMD: Rs. 13,925/-.** For further information contact Executive Engineer (CAM-1), BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini–583152, Bellary (District), Mobile: **+91-9448290730.**

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
Head Office: 10-152/1, Ashoknagar, Bandar Road, Vijayawada-520007.
Tender No: PDS 1/35/Sugar Tender/Jul to Sept-2020 Dated: 29.06.2020
NATIONAL SHORT TENDER NOTICE
EMPANELMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF SUPPLIERS FOR SUPPLY OF SUGAR TO ALL THE MLS POINTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE THROUGH AP E-PROCUREMENT
Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites National Short Tenders for empanelment and appointment of suppliers for supply of 22717.977 MTs of ISS Grade S-30/S-31 cane sugar in 1/2 Kg packet form with secondary packing in 50 Kg new polypropylene (PP) bags under PDS for the months from July 2020 to September 2020 to all the MLS Points of (13) districts in Andhra Pradesh State.
All the interested Sugar Manufacturers/Traders in All Over India may visit **www.apscscl.in & www.apeprocurement.gov.in** to view and download tender documents free of cost.
Interested tenderers to submit bids should be registered in website **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** and should also obtain Digital Signature Certificates from any Certifying Authority in India. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the website **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** or contact the helpdesk of M/s Vupadhi Techno Services Pvt Ltd (or) Andhra Pradesh Technology Services Limited, Flat No.407, 4th Floor, Sreeram's Sneha Avenue, Kunchanapalli, Tadepalli, Guntur-522501, Andhra Pradesh, India Phone: +91-8645-2468108.
Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to **06.07.2020 at 5 p.m** and the tentative date of online e-reverse auction through ap e-procurement platform would be **10.07.2020 at 11 a.m** onwards.
Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Civil Engineering Section
PostBagno.1.Yelwal, Mysore 571130, Telephone: 2406418. Fax: 0821-2403064
NOTICE INVITING e- TENDER Date:26.06.2020
TenderNo.:BARC /MYS / CES / 10 / 2020-21
Chief Engineer, BARC, Mysuru, invites For & on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractor with sound financial &technical capacity for following work(s):

Sl.No	Description	Details
1.	Name of the Work	Civil maintenance works in various buildings at BARC Plant site, Mysore for a period of one year.
2.	Estimated Cost	₹.50,00,000.00 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Only)
3.	Completion Period	12 (Twelve) months
4.	Earnest Money Deposit	₹.1,00,000.00 (Rupees One Lakh only)
5.	Sale of Tender Documents	From 30.06.2020 (11:00 Hrs) to 09.07.2020 (17.00 Hrs)
6.	Email & Contacts	Pknagar@gmail.com 0821-2406664/6638

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site www.tenderwizard.com/dae and www.barc.gov.in
Chief Engineer
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

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Visakhapatnam-530 035
CIN : L27203OR1981GOI000920
OPEN TENDER NOTICE
"AMC for Horticulture works in Port Facilities and Transit House at Visakhapatnam". Tender Documents available at www.nalcoindia.com and www.eprocure.gov.in.Last date for submission of Bid : **27.07.2020 (by 15:00Hr) vsubbarao.amperayani@nalcoindia.co.in**

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, 2nd Floor, MESCOM Bhavana, Kavoor Cross Road
Bejai, Mangaluru - 575 004, Ph: 0824-2885795, E-mail: sepmescom@rediffmail.com
CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425
No. MESCOM/SEE(P)EEE(P)/2020-21/3928 Date: 22.06.2020
TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)
MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture and Supply of the following material:

Tender No.	Name of the Material Proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/2020-21/IND696	11 KV, 400A, Double Break, Horizontal Operation GOS with H-Frame	300 Sets

The interested eligible bidders may log on to www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 30.06.2020.
Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.)(Proc.) MESCOM, Mangaluru
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KERALA STATE TRANSPORT PROJECT
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)
E-Procurement Notice, (Engineering, Procurement, Construction ("EPC") Contract following Two Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)
NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING
Dated: 30.06.2020
1. The Government of India has received financing as Development policy loans from the World Bank towards the cost of rebuilding climate resilient infrastructures in Kerala and Government of Kerala (GoK) intends to apply a part of the funds to cover eligible payments under the contract for construction of works as detailed below.
2. Bidding will be conducted through National Competitive Bidding procedures as per the World Bank & GoK guidelines. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers.
3. The Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project, Public Works Department, Government of Kerala, now invites online bids through EPC mode of execution for the construction of works detailed below:

State	Bid No.	Name of work	Length Km	Completion Period	Maintenance Period
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-10	Up-gradation and Rehabilitation of road from Mananthavady to Periya in Wayanad District under Rebuild Kerala Initiative	27.30 Km	18 Months	5 Years
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-11	Up-gradation of road from Edoor to Palathumkadav in Kannur District under Rebuild Kerala Initiative	24.40 Km	24 Months	5 Years
Kerala	KSTP II/RKI-12	Up-gradation of road from Uruvachal to Maruthaayi in Kannur District under Rebuild Kerala Initiative	20.50 Km	24 Months	5 Years

4. The complete bid document can be viewed/downloaded from the e-procurement portal of Kerala Government https://etenders.kerala.gov.in/ from 07/07/2020 to 10/08/2020 (up to 16:00 Hrs. IST). Bids received online shall be opened on same day 10/08/2020 (at 16.30 hours IST).
5. Bids received through any other mode shall not be entertained. However, EMD, tender fee, Power of Attorney, joint bidding agreement, etc. shall be submitted physically by the Bidder on or before 10/08/2020(up to 16:00 hours IST). Please note that the Authority reserves the right to accept or reject all or any of the bids without assigning any reason whatsoever.
6. The address for communication is as under:
Project Director, Kerala State Transport Project, Project Management Team, T.C.11/339, Sree Bala Building, Keston Road, Nanthancode, Kowdiar P.O., Thiruvananthapuram – 695003, e-mail: pdkstp@gmail.com, cepmtkstp@gmail.com
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Goverment Of India
BHABHA ATOMIC RESEARCH CENTRE
Date: 23/06/2020
Corrigendum-02
Ref: 1) TENDER NO: BARC/MYS/RF/AA/BS/2020 Dated 04/02/2020
Name of the work: Chemical Plant Operation & maintenance related jobs in general & round the clock shift operations.
With reference to the above tender please note the following:

Sl.No	Description in Tender	Indicated in existing Tender document (NIT)	Revised description (To be read as)
I.	Name of the Work	Chemical Plant Operation & maintenance related jobs in general & round the clock shift operations.	Chemical Plant Operation & maintenance related jobs in general & round the clock shift operations.
II.	Estimated Cost	Rs.34,00,000/- Rupees thirty four lakhs only)	Rs.34,00,000/- Rupees thirty four lakhs only)
III.	Earnest Money Deposit	Rs. 68,000/-(Sixty eight thousand only)	Rs. 68,000/-(Sixty eight thousand only)
IV.	Cost of Tender Document	NIL	NIL
V.	Tender Processing Fee	Rs. 2006/- e-payment through electronic mode (Non-returnable) in favour of 'M/s ITI Limited, New Delhi.	Rs. 2006/-e-payment through electronic mode (Non-returnable) in favour of 'M/s ITI Limited, New Delhi.
VI.	Period of completion	12 calendar months including monsoon period.	12 calendar months including monsoon period.
VII.	Dates & time for Request for purchase / Download of Tender Document (excel / word formats)	From 20/02/2020 (11:00 Hrs.) to 05/03/2020 (15:00 Hrs.) on website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.	From 20/02/2020 (11:00 Hrs.) to 06/07/2020 (15:00 Hrs.) on website www.tenderwizard.com/DAE.
VIII.	Date of Pre-bid clarification.	The contractors are requested to send their Pre-bid queries by email not later than 10/03/2020. Pre-Bid meeting will be held on 13/03/2020 at 14.30 Hrs. at BARC Mysore. The Pre-Bid clarifications will be uploaded in Tender wizard website by 17/03/2020	The contractors are requested to send their Pre-bid queries by email not later than 10/07/2020. The Pre-Bid clarifications will be uploaded in Tender wizard website by 15/07/2020
IX.	Last date and time of closing of online submission of tenders.	26/03/2020 (15:00 Hrs.)	22/07/2020 (15:00 Hrs.)
X.	Last date for submission of original documents towards Receipt of e-payment towards Tender Processing Fee and EMD	On or before 03.04.2020 (15:00 Hrs.) at Project Manager's office in a sealed super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number. Original documents should be submitted along with EMD preferably in person. However, documents sent by post or courier will also be considered provided the same is received within due date & time	On or before 31.07.2020 (15:00 Hrs.) at Project Manager (PO&M)'s office in a sealed super scribed envelope mentioning name of work and NIT Number. Original documents should be submitted along with EMD preferably in person. However, documents sent by post or courier will also be considered provided the same is received within due date & time.
XI.	Date and time of online opening of Part- 1	07/04/2020 (15:00Hrs)	03/08/2020 (15:00Hrs)
XII.	Date of opening of Part 2 of qualified bidders	08/06/2020 (tentative date)	03/10/2020 (tentative date)

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Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
MEGA E- AUCTION ON 18.07.2020
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

1. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.83,01,550** - (Rupees Eighty Three Lakhs One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Sreehari.P** S/o Prakash (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 45,00,000/-	Rs. 4,50,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-	16.07.2020

Description of property

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/568</u>
<u>Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Sreehari.P)</u>
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 407 at Fourth Floor of the apartment building known as "Pioneer Paradise" having super built up area of 1100 sq feet, consisting of 2.5 bed rooms, 1 hall, 1 Kitchen, 1 Dining hall, 1 Pooja Room, with attached bathroom, walls constructed with cement and solid blocks, doors and windows made of honne wood, with vitrified tiles flooring, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors etc., 260.57 sq feet undivided share right title interest claims whatsoever in the land in the property bearing Khaneshumari No. 14/14, Katha No. 14/14, BBMP Present Katha No. 2149/14/14, Khaneshumari No 15/15, Katha No. 15/15, BBMP present Katha No. 2148/15/15, Khaneshumari No. 21/21, Kahta No. 21/21, BBMP Present Katha No. 2166/21/21, Khaneshumari No. 17/17, (Old No. 11/7, 8), Katha No. 17/17, BBMP Present Katha No. 01/17/17/ 11/7 Khaneshumari No. 13/13, Katha No 13/13B, BBMP Present Katha No. 24/13/13B, Khaneshumari No. 13/13, Kahta No. 13/13A, BBMP Present Katha No. 2111/13/13A, All the above said sites are Amalgamated at BBMP New Kahta No. 2148/15/15, situated at Raghavanagpalya Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru MahanagaraPalike, Bengaluru. All the above said properties are totally measuring 12658 sq.feet with total boundaries for the above amalgamated properties East by: Road and Temple, West by: Road and Royal Lake Front Residency Phase – III, North by: Property belongs to Erappa and Jayamma and South by: Road and Royal Lake Front Residency Phase III.

2. Noticeis hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.77,32,659/-** (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Nine only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Vasanth Gadigeppa Akkivalli** S/o. Gadigeppa (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 33,00,000/-	Rs. 3,30,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/565</u>
Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Vasanth Gadigeppa Akkivalli)
All that piece and parcel of 2 BHK flat bearing no. 005 in the ground floor, in the apartment building known as "Peepal Tree" measuring 1050 sq feet, with one car parking space, with 225 sq feet of undivided share with all common amenities, constructed in property bearing Site No. 2/4, BBMP Katha No. 319/536-2/4, formed out of converted land in Sy. No. 2/4, converted from agricultural purpose to Non-Agricultural Residential Purposes vide Official Memorandum No. ALN(SU).SR-19/2008-09 dated: 04.12.2008, issued by the Spl. Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Doddakallsandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West 80feet and North to South (165+160)/2, in all measuring an extent of 13000 sq.feet and bounded on East by: Property of M.N.Gosakan, West by: Temple and Road, North by: Property of Rajashekar and South by: Survey No. 2/4.

3. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.75,98,474/-** (Rupees Seventy Five Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Four only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri.Praveen Kumar** S/o.R.Srinivasulu Naidu (Borrower).
The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 33,00,000/-	Rs. 3,30,000/-	Rs. 30,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/566</u>
Property No. 1–(Title deed holder: Sri.Praveen Kumar)
All that piece and parcel of Apartment bearing Flat No. 001, in the Ground Floor, in the Apartment building known as "PEEPAL TREE" together with super built up area of 1050 sq.ft, consisting of Two Bedrooms, Living, Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilet etc including One car parking space with all common amenities and 225 sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land bearing Site No.2/4, BBMP Katha No.319/536-2/4, formed out of converted land in sy.No.2/4, converted from Agricultural to Residential purpose vide Official Memorandum No.ALN(SU).SR-19/2008-09 dated 04.12.2008 issued by the Spl.Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Doddakallasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring East to West : 80ft and North to South (165+160)/2 ft, in all measuring an extent of 13000 sq.ft and bounded on :East by : Property of M.N.Gosakan, West by :Temple and Road, North by : Property of Rajashekar, South by : Survey No.2/4.

4. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.1,14,00,960/-** (One Crore Fourteen Lakhs Nine Hundred and Sixty only) as on 31.05.2020+ interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Smt.Tessy Ann Francis** D/o.F.P.Sebastian (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 51,00,000/-	Rs. 5,10,000/-	Rs. 50,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/572</u>
<u>Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder:Smt.Tessy Ann Francis)</u>
All that piece and parcel of the Residential Flat bearing No. 1A, Now BBMP Katha No. 1615/1-1, in the Ground Floor of the multistoried building called as "Limra Residency" with a super built up area 1202.4 sq feet, (including one half portion in depth of the joints between the ceiling of the Flat and the Floors of the Flat above it and internal walls and external walls between such levels) with RCC Roofed , Brick and Cement Wall, Mosaic Flooring, Honne Wood Doors and Steel Windows, together with 321 sq feet of undivided share, right, estate, title, claims, demands and interest/ownership in land with proportionate share in the common areas, passages, pipes, drains, staircases and open roof above together with covered car parking area in the basement and other areas of common use, the property comes under the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Dasarahalli Sub-zone, Bengaluru and the building constructed on the property bearing Converted Survey No. 58/2 of T.Dasarahalli Village, YeshwanthpuraHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, duly converted for non-agricultural purpose vide conversion order Nos. ALN.DR.49/73-74 and ALN.DR.5/78-79, dated: 22.07.1978, by the Tahsildar, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently bearing C.M.C. Khatha No. 1615/1 (Old No. 1615), property No. 58/2 (Portion), situated at T.Dasarahalli, Ward No. 16 of Dasarahalli City Municpal Council, Bengaluru – 560 057, now comes under the administrative and revenue purview of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru, measuring East to West: 45-0 feet and North to South 110-0 feet, in all measuring 4950 sq feet and bounded on East by: Shri. Bettaiah's building, Shri. Nagaraj and others properties, West by: Portion of the same property belong to Smt. S.Farzana Fakruddin, North by: Portion of the same property belong to Smt. Fathima Syed and South by: Road.

5. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.31,74,071/-** (Rupees Thirty One Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand and Seventy One only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Ganapati Hanumant Bhat** S/o. Hanumant Govind Bhat (Borrower) and **Shri.Hanumant Govind Bhat** S/o. Govind Achuta Bhat (Guarantor). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 28,00,000/-	Rs. 2,80,000/-	Rs. 25,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/571</u>
<u>Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Ganapati Hanumant Bhat)</u>
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No. 209 in 2nd Floor of Block B of the project "Definer Serene Drive", measuring 1078 Sqft of built up area and 147 sq.ft of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common uses and totally measuring 1225 sqft super builtup area approximately together with 551 sqft undivided shares, rights, title interest and ownership in the land measuring 2 acres in Sy. No. 102/2, situated in Pethanahalli Village, KasabaHobli, HoskoteTaluk and duly converted for Non-agricultural residential purpose by the order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru which bears No. ALN(H)SR/207/05-06 dated: 18.02.2006, land is bounded by East by: Remaining Portion of land in Sy. No. 102/2 belonging to Shri. Munivenkatappa and Shri. Rajanna, West by: Property belonging to Shri. Munishamappa, North by: Road and South by: Property belonging to Shri. Narayanaswami and the apartment is bounded by: East by: Open to Sky, West by: Lobby, North by: Flat No. B214 and South by: Flat No. B210.

6. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.34,81,522/-** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Eighty One Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Two only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. Balaji Natesan & Smt. Deepa Balaji** (Borrowers). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 22,00,000/-	Rs. 2,20,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/570</u>
<u>Property No. 1 – (Title deed holders: Sri. Balaji Natesan & Smt. Deepa Balaji)</u>
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing No. B-316 in 3rd Floor of Block 'B' of the project 'Definer Serene Drive' and apartment measuring 854 sq. ft of built-up area and 116 sq. ft of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 970 sq. ft of super built up area approximately, together with 436 sq. ft undivided share, right, title interest and ownership, in the land of building constructed measuring 2 acres in Sy. No. 102/2 situated in Pethanahalli Village, KasabaHobli, HoskoteTaluk duly converted to Non-agricultural residential purpose by the order of the Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru which bears No. ALN (H) SR/207/05-06 dated: 18.02.2006 and bounded East by remaining portion of land in Sy.No.102/2 belonging to Sri.Munivenkatappa and Rajanna; West by: by property belonging to Munishamappa, North by: Road and South by: Property belonging to Sri.Narayanaswami.

7. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.80,09,836/-** (Rupees Eighty Lakhs Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty Six only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Pravesh H.S** S/o. Shivanna M.V (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 42,00,000/-	Rs. 4,20,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/567</u>
Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Pravesh H.S)
All that piece and parcel of the Residential apartment bearing Flat No. 406 at Fourth Floor of the apartment building known as "Pioneer Paradise", having super built up area of 980 sq feet, consisting of 2 bed rooms, 1 hall, 1 kitchen, 1 dining hall with attached bathroom with Car Parking, with all civic amenities and with right to use common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors etc., with undivided sharing of 232.15 sq feet undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land bearing Khaneshumari No. 14/14, Katha No. 14/14, BBMP Present Katha No. 2149/14/14, Khaneshumari No. 15/15, Katha No. 15/15, BBMP Present Katha No 2148/15/15, Khaneshumari No. 21/21, Katha No. 21/21, BBMP Present Katha No. 2166/21/21, Khaneshumari No. 17/17, (Old No. 11/7, 8), Katha No. 17/17, BBMP Present Katha No. 01/17/17/11/7, Khaneshumari No. 13/13, Katha No. 13/13B, BBMP Present Katha No. 24/13/13B, Khaneshumari No. 13/13, Katha No. 13/13A, BBMP Present Katha No. 2111/13/13A, All the above said sites are Amalgamated as BBMP New Katha No. 2148/15/15, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, presently within the limits of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru. All the above said properties are totally measuring : 12658.0 sq feet total boundaries for the above Amalgamated property East by: Road and Temple, West by: Road and Royal Lake Front Residency Phase – III, North by: Property belonging to Erappa and Jayamma and South by: Road and Royal Lake Front Residency Phase – III.

8. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.1,68,26,270/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakhs Twenty Six Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Rajesh M** S/o. Manjunath Reddy (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 50,00,000/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-	50,000/-	16.07.2020
2.	Rs. 40,00,000/-	Rs. 4,00,000/-	40,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>i.Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/563</u>
Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Rajesh M S/o. Manjunath Reddy)
All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 401 (3 BHK) in Fourth Floor in the apartment building known as "Sri Sai Residency" constructed on Property having super built up area of 1330 sq feet, consisting of 3 Bedrooms, One Hall, One Kitchen cum Utility, One Pooja Room, One attached Bathroom cum toilet, One common bathroom cum toilet, Balcony with all civic amenities like Water, Sanitary and Electricity, Lift facilities, along with corresponding 273 sq feet of undivided share, right, title and interest in property bearing site No. 55, (earlier having Rajarajeshwari CMC Khata No. 400), formed out of converted Sy. No. 2/1, (Converted vide No.B.DIS.ALN/SR(S)299/96-97, dated: 10.03.1997, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District), BBMP New Municipal No. 701/55, situated at Channasandra (Dwaraka Nagar) Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, now comes within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Rajarajeshwarinagar Ward No. 160, Channasandra, Bengaluru, having Khatha No. 701/55/701 and measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 60 feet in all measuring 2400 sq feet and bounded as East by: Site No. 56, West by: Site No. 54, North by: Road and South by: Site NO. 77.

<u>ii.Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/564</u>
Property No.2 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Rajesh M S/o. Manjunath Reddy)
All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment bearing Flat No. 402 (2 BHK) in Fourth Floor, in the apartment building known as "Sri Sai Residency" having super built up area of 1000 sq feet, consisting of 2 bed rooms, one hall, one kitchen cum utility, One pooja Room One attached Bathroom cum toilet, one common bathroom cum toilet, balcony with RCC roof vitrified flooring with all civic amenities like water, sanitary and electricity, lift facilities along with the corresponding 207 sq feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the immovable property bearing Site No. 55, (earlier having Rajarajeshwari CMC Khatha No. 400), formed out of converted Sy. No. 2/1 (Converted vide No. B.DIS.ALN/SR(S)299/96-97, dated: 10.03.1997, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District), BBMP New Municipal No. 701/55, situated at Channasandra (Dwarak Nagar) Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District, now comes within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, Rajarajeshwarinagar Ward No. 160, Channasandra, Bengaluru, having Khata No. 701/55/701, and measuring East to West 40feet and North to South 60 feet, in all measuring 2400 sq feet and bounded on East by: Site No. 56, West by: Site No 54, North by: Road and South by: Site No. 77.

9. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs. 89,08,702/-** (Rupees Eighty Nine lakhs Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Two only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Ramakrishna G** S/o. NarasimhaGajula (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 42,00,000/-	Rs. 4,20,000/-	Rs. 40,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/569</u>
<u>Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder</u>: **Shri. Ramakrishna G)**
All that piece and parcel of the residential Apartment bearing Flat No.403 at Fourth Floor of the apartment building known as "PIONEER PARADISE" having super built up area of 1100 square feet, consisting of 2 bed room, 1Hall, 1 Kitchen, 1 Dining hall, 1 Pooja room, with attached bathroom and having 260.57 sq.feet undivided share right, title, interest, claims whatsoever in the land and constructed on:-

i. All that piece and place of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.14/14, Kata No.14/14, BBMP Present Katha No.2149/14/14, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 80 feet and north to South 63 feet totally measuring 5040 sq.feet, together bounded on East by: Road &R.S.Ravikumar and R.S.Manjesh Kumar property, West by: Property of Royal Lakefront Residency Phase-II, North by: Property of R.M.Surendra and South by: Royal Lakefront Residency Phase – III.

ii. All that piece and place of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.15/15, Khata No.15/15, BBMP Present Katha No.2148/15/15, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 80 feet and north to South 44 feet totally measuring 3520 sq.feet, together bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of Royal Lakefront Residency Phase-III, North by: Property of Rajanna.A&V.Rukmini and South by: Property belonging to R.S.Ravikumar&R.S.Manjesh Kumar.

iii. All that piece and place of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.21/21, Khata No.21/21, BBMP Present Katha No.2166/21/21, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 35 feet totally measuring 1050 sq.feet, together bounded on East by: Property of A.Rajanna, West by: Property of Royal Lakefront Residency Phase-III, North by: Property of Jayamma and South by: Property belonging to R.M.Surendra.

iv. All that piece and place of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.17/17(old No.11/7, 8), Khata No.17/17, BBMP Present Katha No.1/17/17/11/7, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 66 feet and North to South 28 feet totally measuring 1848 sq.feet and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of V.Rukmini, North by: Property of Erappa and South by: Property of R.M.Surendra.

v. All that piece and place of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.13/13, Khata No.13/13B, BBMP Present Katha No.24/13/13B, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, UttarahalliHobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 21 feet totally measuring 630 sq.feet and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of R.S.Ravikumar & R.S.Manjesh Kumar, North by: R.S.Ravikumar&R.S.Manjesh Kumar and South by: R.S.Ravikumar & R.S.Manjesh Kumar.

vi. All that piece and place of the property bearing Kaneshumari No.13/13, Khata No.13/13A, BBMP Present Katha No.2111/13/13A, situated at Raghavanapalya Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru, presently within the limits of BBMP, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 19 feet totally measuring 570 sq.feet and bounded on East by: Road, West by: Property of R.S.Ravikumar & R.S.Manjesh Kumar, North by: R.S.Ravikumar & R.S.Manjesh Kumar and South by: Road.

10. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs. 1,41,38,452/-** (Rupees One Crore Forty One Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Two only) as on 31.05.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. K.V.Sundhar** S/o. Kollavaari Venugopal Naidu and **Smt. Lakshmi Priya** W/o. K V Sundar (Borrowers). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs. 1,10,00,000/-	Rs. 11,00,000/-	Rs. 1,00,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

<u>Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/MVS/562</u>
<u>Property No. 1 – (Title deed holders</u>: **Sri.K.V.Sundhar and Smt. Lakshmi Priya)**
All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Site Nos. 20 and 21, formed out in Sy. No. 96, Converted for Residential purpose vide conversion order no. B.Dis.ALN.SR (N)156/92-93, dated: 22.12.1992, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru District, Bengaluru, situated at Amruthalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk Present BBMP Katha No. 429/20-21, measuring East to West 45.00 feet and North to South (47+44)/2 feet totally measuring 2047.5 sq feet and bounded on East by: Private Property, West by: 30feet Road, North by: Road and Private property and South by: Site No. 22.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com.

Date: 30.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby notified that the allotment letter bearing No. BDA/05-3/159/V-BLK/BSK.6/2001-2002, dated 13 March 2020 issued to Smt. Suma G.R., No. 690, 26th Main, 6th Phase, JP Nagara, Bangalore-560 078 in respect of V-BLK/BSK-VI STG, Site No. 159 by the Bangalore Development Authority is lost while making photocopy at JP Nagar by my client Smt. Suma G.R, during 2020. Anyone whoever finds it is requested to return the same to the undersigned.

K S RAGHURAM, Advocate
Pro Legal, # 524, 10th Main,
IV Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-11.
Ph: 98441 09456 Date: 29.06.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby notified that the Page No. 11 of the Original Sale Deed document bearing No. 15188/2001-02 duly registered at the Office of the Sub Registrar, Kengeri on 20.02.2002, pertaining to our Property bearing No. 9 at Ideal Homes Township, Rajarajeshwarinagar, Bangalore is lost by me while making photocopy during last week. Anyone who ever finds it, is hereby requested to return the same to me.

Smt. P. SUSHEELA, D/o Late
Sri V. Raju, residing at No. 9,
1st Main Road, Ideal Homes Township,
Rajarajeshwarinagar,
Bengaluru-560 098.
Mobile: 88672 32287

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **Smt N. Shobha,** W/o N Ramanjanappa@Shekhar R/o and also owner of immoveable property No.117/23 in 7th Main, Venkatswamy Gareen ToTa, JJR Nagar, municipal ward No.44, Bangalore-26, has lost the original document of the said house property, sale deed documents Nos. 1337/1977-78, regd on 26th July 1977, and (2) regd sale deed No. 3293/1982-83 regd dtd 31-12-1982, in the office of Sub registrar Srirampuram, Bangalore, pertaining to the same property, which were kept in the their house in said address, are lost and are not traced since 25-5-2020. The public are requested if any person find the said documents, to handover the same to our clients and public is cautioned not to go for any kind of transaction, regarding the said property with any person/s on the basis of said lost documents, with any person/s, it will be fraudulent and risky, our client shall not be responsible for such false transactions, our client has not entered into any kind of sale agreements or monetary transactions with any persons regarding said properties.

AMEER JAN,
Office # 38/1, 7th Main Road,
Padarayanapura, Bangalore-26.
Phone: 99861 58764

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations' 1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for **Petition-1:** For Transmission assets under "Installation of Bus reactors at Cuddapah, Nellore PS, Kurnool, Raichur and Thiruvalam" in Southern Region, **Petition-2:** For Transmission asset-Tumkur (Pavagada) Pool-Hiriyur 400 kV D/C line along with associated bays and equipment at both ends under "Transmission System for Ultra Mega Solar Power Park at Tumkur (Pavagada), Karnataka-Phase-I.

2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) APSPDCL (i) APCPDCL (j) APNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) TANGEDCO (r) TNTC (s) KSPDCL.

3. Tariff details:

PETITION-1

a) 2014-19 block — **Rs. in lakhs**

Project		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Asset-1	AFC approved	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	854.16
	Revised AFC based on truing up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	867.67

b) 2019-24 block — **Rs. in lakhs**

Project		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Asset-1	AFC	2229.69	2311.84	2285.54	2231.43	2177.45

PETITION-2

a) 2014-19 block — **Rs. in lakhs**

Project		2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Asset-1	AFC approved	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1560.43
	Revised AFC based on truing up	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1519.31

b) 2019-24 block — **Rs. in lakhs**

Project		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Asset-1	AFC	2914.60	2888.54	2824.49	2760.67	2696.82

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergridindia.com**.

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place : Gurgaon Sd/-
Date : 25.06.2020 **Dy. General Manager (Commercial)**

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office : "Saudamini", Plot No.2, Sector-29, Gurugram-122001 (Haryana) Tel. : 0124-2571700-719
Regd. Office : B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 Tel. : 011-26560112, 26560121
www.powergridindia.com, **CIN :** L40101DL1989GOI038121
A Maharatna PSU

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify that my Client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Properties from State Bank of India, St Marks Road, Bengaluru – 560 001, who has represented to my client that 1) State Bank of India, Commercial Branch, Park Road, Erode, had secured the below mentioned Item No. 1, 2 and 3 Schedule properties as security by creating charge in its favour for the loan advanced to M/s. Aegan Batteries Limited, No. 715, 10 th A Main Road, 4 th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore 560 011; 2) that on account of non-payment of the loan liability by M/s. Aegan Batteries Limited, the said Bank through its Branch namely State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Management Branch, 2 nd Floor, Office Complex Building, LHO Campus, No. 65, St. Marks Road, Bengaluru – 560 001, for short, hereinafter referred to as 'Bank', initiated proceedings under the provisions of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act), and took over the Schedule properties and the same is in its possession; 3) that the Bank alone is the secured creditor and that there are no other creditors claiming any right or interest over the Schedule properties; 4) that there is no legal impediment to the Bank to sell or execute the Sale Deed / Sale Certificate of the Schedule properties, 5) that the Bank has put the Schedule properties on Sale through Private Treaty; 6) that the Bank (namely State Bank of India) alone has got the right and interest in and over the Schedule properties so also the right to sell the Schedule properties by way of Private Treaty and no other person/s has any right or title, etc., in and over the same; 7) except the charge with State Bank of India, the Schedule Properties are free from all encumbrances / charges, claims, etc., ; 8) that there is neither any prohibitory order, lis / court dispute pending in a Court of Law or otherwise nor there are any stay order, attachment nor any rival claims from any person/s, Banks, Institution or any Statutory Authorities over the Schedule properties, wherein, the Bank is restrained from selling the Schedule properties.

Based upon the aforesaid representations and assurances, my client participated in the Private Treaty proceedings conducted by the Bank and was successful in offering the highest bid and the Bank has accordingly accepted my client's offer. In order to proceed further for completion of the sale formality by way of registration of the sale deed / certificate, the GENERAL PUBLIC IS CALLED UPON THAT any person/s objecting for sale or asserting any claim, right, title, interest in and over the Schedule Properties or any part thereof in any manner and or disputing the correctness of the above representation of the Bank, may put forth his/her/their claim/s in writing to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice together with documentary proof, (Please note that time is the essence of this Notice) after which period, my client shall proceed accordingly. Note that if no claims or objections are received within 7 days time, then my client shall proceed with the execution of the Sale deed / certificate on the basis that there are no subsisting claim/s or right/s or interest in and over the Schedule properties from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No. 1
All that piece and parcel of the Converted Land bearing Sy No. 26/1 (earlier forming part of Old Sy No. 26) having Panchayath Katha No. 96/1/103/26/1, measuring 3 Acres 05 Guntas (approximately measuring 1,36,127 Sq feet) situated at Chudagondanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kola District, and bounded on;
East by : Road
West by : Land bearing Sy No. 26/2
North by : Road and Land bearing Sy No. 25 and
South by : Land bearing Sy No. 27/3.

Item No. 2
All that piece and parcel of the Converted Land bearing Sy No. 27/3 (earlier forming part of Old Sy No. 27 and later No. 27/1) having Panchayath Katha No. 97/27/3, measuring 2 Acres 16 ½ Guntas (approximately measuring 1,05,090 Sq feet) situated at Chudagondanahalli Village, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, and bounded on;
East by : Road
West by : Land belonging to Ramaiah
North by : Land bearing Sy No. 26/1 and
South by : Land belonging to Ramachandra Reddy.

Both the above said properties are situated adjacent to each other and the total measurement of the same is 5 Acres 21.5 Guntas

Item No. 3
All that piece and parcel of the Plant and Machinery situated in the above said Item No. 1 and 2 properties

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1) E-TENDER TENDER NOTICE No.05/CE/CN/ERS/2020 (OT), Dated: 22-06-2020
2) E-TENDER TENDER NOTICE No.06/CE/CN/ERS/2020 (OT), Dated: 22-06-2020

For and on behalf of The President of India, Chief Engineer, Construction, Ernakulam Junction - 682 016 invites e-tender for the following works as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** Tenderers / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and **only online Tenders will be accepted.** The cost of the Tender Form and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) should be made through online payment gateway available on the website by the way of Multiple Bank's, Net Banking, Debit and Credit Card.

Sl.No.	Name of the Work
1.	Doubling of Track between Kuruppantara and Chingavanam Proposed Construction of New Bridges (Viaduct) between Ettumanur and Kottayam. Br. No. 310 A from Ch. 55597 to Ch.55854 (9 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder), Br. No.302 A from Ch. 57298 to Ch.57390 (3 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder), Br. No.301A from Ch. 57404 to Ch.57654 (8 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder & 1 x 15.50 m PSC U Girder) Br. No. 295 A from Ch.58243 to Ch.58293 (1 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder & 1 x 9.15 m PSC Slab), Br. No.294 A from Ch.58299 to Ch.58481 (6 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder & 1 x 6.10 m PSC Slab) and Br.No.293 A from Ch. 58516 to Ch. 58690 (7 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder) for Down line between Ettumanur and Kottayam Stations.
2.	Doubling of Track between Kuruppantara and Chingavanam Proposed Construction of New Bridges (Viaduct) between Kottayam and Chingavanam. Br. No. 254 from Ch. 66411.70 to Ch. 66549.4 (5 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder), Br. No.256 from Ch. 66307.70 to Ch.66390.30 (3 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder), Br. No.266 from Ch. 64234.74 to Ch.64565.26 (12 x 24.40 m PSC U Girder) and Br. No.271 from Ch.63319.86 to Ch.63540.14 (8x24.40 m PSC U Girder) for Down line between Kottayam and Chingavanam Stations.

Sl. No.	Approximate Cash Value in (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Cost of Tender Form (₹)	Period of Completion in Months	Closing / Opening @ 15.00 Hrs./ 15.30 Hrs.
1.	46,17,03,887/-	24,58,500/-	10,000/-	Fifteen	16-07-2020
2.	34,13,96,319/-	18,57,000/-	10,000/-	Fifteen	16-07-2020

For further details, visit Internet site **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact Office of the Chief Administrative Officer / Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam - 682 016.

CHIEF ENGINEER (Construction), Ernakulam Jn.

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STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(SARB), BENGALURU

Authorised Officer's Details:
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E-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No:9449842910
Landline No.(office):080-2594 3663/3664

Address of the Branch:
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J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact: CCO: **Shri. Prem Kumar**
Mb-9108917324, Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
e-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable property

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower, that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.1,70,58,092/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand and Ninety Two only) as on 22.06.2020 + interest + expenses and costs, due to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Shri. Balaji Pattabhiram Singh** S/o Muni Balaji Singh (Borrower). The reserve price, earnest money deposit bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under:-

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment amount	Last date for receipt of EMD
1.	Rs.1,71,00,000/-	Rs.17,10,000/-	Rs.2,00,000/-	16.07.2020

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/PK/561
Property No. 1 – (Title deed holder: Shri. Balaji Pattabhiram Singh)
Schedule 'A' for Residential Buildings: All that Property measuring 36,163.87 sq meters forming portion of vacant land bearing municipal nos. 26 and 26/1, New No. 26/1, situated in Industrial Suburb, "A" Block, Subramanyanagar, Municipal Ward No. 9, Rajajinagar Extension (Malleswaram West), Bengaluru and bounded on East by: Railway parallel Road – Yeshwanthpur Railway Line, West by: Dr. Rajkumar Road and remainin/g portion of Larger property, North by: Remaining portion of larger property and South by: Vivekananda College and private properties.
Schedule 'B' Property - (Undivided Interest) :164/220213th undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership (which comes to 288 sq.ft of land share).
Schedule 'C' Property - (Apartment) : All that piece and parcel of residential Apartment bearing No. H-1108, property identification No. 9-1-26/1-133/61 in 11th Floor of "H-Wing-Phoenix in "**Brigade Gateway**", built in the Schedule 'A' property and measuring 1360 squre feet of built up area, 280 sq. ft., of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and all other areas of common use and totally measuring 1640 sq.ft of super built up area with one top covered car parking area in slot no. 1725 in H Block Lower Basement and the apartment bounded by East by: Open towards Open Space in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, West by: Lobby in 11th Floor in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway, North by: Apartment No. H-1107 in 11th Floor in H-Wing-Phoenix in Brigade Gateway and South by: Open towards open space in H-Wing Phoenix, in Brigade Gateway

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said property. For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in i.e., https://bankeauctions.com and **www.tenderwizard.com/SBIEAUCTION**

Date: 30.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB Bengaluru

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(SARB), BENGALURU

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APPENDIX- IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 18.07.2020
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties) under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Bengaluru, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery **Rs. 89,61,452/-** (Rupees Eighty nine lacs sixty one thousand four hundred fifty two only) as on 23.06.2020 + interest + cost and expenses, charges, etc. and further interest at contractual rate from 24.06.2020 with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from **Mr. Stephen Sunny Sheesen & Smt. Sheetal Prabhata Ravi.**
The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), bid increment amount and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under:

Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.50,00,000/-	Rs.5,00,000/-	Rs.50,000/-	On or before 16.07.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Tender No. SBI/SARB/RK/EA/576:

All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment Flat bearing No.N-003 on Ground Floor in Block – 2, multistoried building known as "ADITHI PEARL" standing in the joint names of Sri.Stephen Sunny Sheesen S/o M.S.Shanta Nathan,and Smt.Ravi Sheetal Prabhata, with super built up area measuring 1595 Sq.ft, Three BHK flat with ceramic tiles flooring along with Private garden area measuring 487 sq.ft, with car parking space in the basement No.41, together with the amenities, viz., water supply, BESCOM power connection with separate meter, provision for common light area, lift and with undivided share, right, title and interest in the land equivalent to 526.82 sq.ft in the residentially converted land bearing Municipal Khata No.02 of Survey No.317 of Kalkere Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under BBMP jurisdiction ward No.26, Ramamurthy Nagar PID No.026-W0565-2 measuring East to West: on Northern side 407 ft and southern side 407 ft. North to South : on Eastern side 97ft. and western side :101 ft.totally measuring 40293 sq.ft and bounded on East by: Doddaiah's property, West by: 60 feet Road and remaining portion of Sy.No.317 North by: Lakkappa's Property and South by: Putta Muniswamappa's property.
Reserve Price: Rs.50,00,000/- **EMD: Rs.5,00,000/-**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., (1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.tenders.gov.in and (3) https://www.bankeauctions.com/Sbi.

Date: 29.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/-
(Pranava A)
Authorised Officer

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
3rd Floor, Building No. 11/90, Near Old Shivaji Theatre
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560002 Tel: 25943663, 25943664
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

To,

SUBSTITUTED NOTICE

1. **Shri.Stephen Sunny Sheesen** S/o M.S.Shanta Nathan, F-102, The Canopy Apartment, Near V.V Convention Hall & 7 days Super Market, Agara Main Road, Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar P.O, Bengaluru – 560 043. **Also at:** Flat No. N003, Bloc 2, Adithi Pearl Apartment, Kalkere Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 043.
2. **Smt.Sheetal Prabhata Ravi** , F-102, The Canopy Apartment, Near V.V Convention Hall & 7 days Super Market, Agara Main Road, Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar P.O, Bengaluru – 560 043. **Also at: i)** Flat No. N003, Bloc 2, Adithi Pearl Apartment, Kalkere Village, K. R. Puram Hobli, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 043. **ii)** No.39/4, Mcenachi Nilayam, 5th Main, C. K. Ngar, Opp. I MICO Gate, Manju Nagar, Hosa Road, Bangalore-560 100.

Sub: Statutory Notice of 15 days for Sale under Rule 6(2) & Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 (herein after called the Rules)

Borrower: Shri.Stephen Sunny Sheesen & Smt.Sheetal Prabhata Ravi

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, had taken possession of the below mentioned properties on **12.07.2017** as per Sec. 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (herein after called the Act), which have been offered/charged as security by you towards your liabilities to the Bank amounting to **Rs. 89,61,452/-** (Rupees Eighty nine lacs sixty one thousand four hundred fifty two only) as on 23.06.2020 + interest + cost and expenses, charges, etc. and further interest at contractual rate from 24.06.2020with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.
Whereas you have failed to satisfy your liabilities to the Bank even after receipt of the notices under Section 13(2) and Section 13(4) of the Act issued by the undersigned. Therefore, the authorised officer of State Bank of India, in exercise of its rights granted under the Act and the said Rules, issues this notice under Rule 8(6) [Immovables] of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002, for sale of the secured assets to realize the above stated outstanding along with interest, costs, charges and expenses.
Please take notice that the secured assets charged/hypothecated/mortgaged to the Bank more fully described in the schedule hereunder shall be sold by public e-Auction to be held on **18.07.2020** through www.sbi.co.in , www.tenders.gov.in and https://www.bankeauctions.com/Sbi. For further details, please refer to the notice published in the newspapers ind the newspapers and at websites viz. www.sbi.co.in, www.tenders.gov.in and https://www.bankeauctions.com/Sbi.

Sl No	Description of Immovable Property	Reserve Price
1	All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment Flat bearing No.N-003 on Ground Floor in Block – 2, multistoried building known as "ADITHI PEARL" standing in the joint names of Sri.Stephen Sunny Sheesen S/o M.S.ShantaNathan,andSmt.Ravi Sheetal Prabhata, with super built up area measuring 1595 Sq.ft, Three BHK flat with ceramic tiles flooring along with Private garden area measuring 487 sq.ft, with car parking space in the basement No.41, together with the amenities, viz., water supply, BESCOM power connection with separate meter, provision for common light area, lift and with undivided share, right, title and interest in the land equ+ivalent to 526.82 sq.ft in the residentially converted land bearing Municipal Khata No.02 of Survey No.317 of Kalkere Village, K.R.PuramHobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, now comes under BBMP jurisdiction ward No.26, Ramamurthy Nagar PID No.026-W0565-2 measuring East to West: on Northern side 407 ft and southern side 407 ft. North to South : on Eastern side 97ft. and western side :101 ft.totally measuring 40293 sq.ft and bounded on East by: Doddaiah's property, West by: 60 feet Road and remaining portion of Sy.No.317 North by: Lakkappa's Property and South by: Putta Muniswamappa's property.	Rs. 50.00 Lakhs

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 29.06.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru

Tumkur Grain Merchants Co-op Bank Ltd.,
Head Office : B.H. Road, Tumkur-572103, Karnataka,
Phone : 0816-2257636 / 4021102-103, Fax : 0816-2255905,
Email : tgmcb_ho@hotmail.com, tgmcb.ho@gmail.com, Website : tgmcbank.com,

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF CHAPTER III OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002.

At their request, Bank has extended credit facilities to the below mentioned individuals against secured assets through its below mentioned branches. The relevant particulars of the property on which they have created security interest by execution of security agreement/documents & creation of mortgage by way deposit of title deeds are furnished hereunder. As the operation and conduct of the financial assistance/ credit facilities have become irregular, the debts have been classified as Non Performing Assets in accordance with the directives / guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India consequent to the default committed by the borrower in repayment of the principal debt and interest thereon. As the demand notice sent by register AD calling upon them, was un-served/ not acknowledged / addressee left / this publication is now issued.

1.Name and Address of the Borrower: 1.Prabhakar Reddy N, S/o Nagaraj Reddy, No.20, No 403, South Block, Sapthagiri Nivas Apartment, 24th Main Road, J P Nagar, 6th Stage, Bangalore - 560078. **2. Smt. Padmavathi R**, W/o Prabhakar Reddy, No.20, No 403, South Block, Sapthagiri Nivas Apartment, 24th Main Road, J P Nagar, 6th Stage, Bangalore – 560078.

Description of the property :- (Details Of Hypothecated Assets And Details Of Mortgaged Properties Of The Borrower) All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Site Nos.174 and its Assessment Register No. 209/2, and Site No. 197 and its Assessment Register No. 208 situated at Kudlu village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore now comes under the jurisdiction of B B M P bearing consolidated katha No. 266/209/2/174/197/741/736/2 - Ward No. 191 –Singasandra, measuring East to west 80 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 2400 Sq feet and Building thereon bounded on: East by : Road. West by : Road. North by : Road. South by : Site No.198 and 173.

Account Number : 30303121010 **Limit: Rs. 50,00,000.00**

Out Standing Loan Amount :- Rs.43,74,456/-(Rupees Forty Three Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred And Fifty Six Only) as on **Dt.24.06.2020** together with further interest thereon with effect from **Dt.25.06.2020** at the contractual rates together with costs, charges, other monies until payment or realisation.

Date of NPA: 30.04.2019 **Demand Notice dtd: 26.06.2020** **Branch : J P Nagar Branch**

If you fail to repay the aforesaid sum with interest and incidental expenses within 60 days from the date of the notice, Bank shall exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub section (2) of the section 13 of SARFAESI Act. You are also put on notice that in terms of sub section (13) of section 13, you shall not transfer by sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed above without obtained written consent of the Bank. This notice is without prejudice to Banks rights to initiate such other action or legal proceedings as it deem necessary under any other applicable provisions of law.

Date : 29.06.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
TUMKUR GRAIN MERCHANTS CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

STATE BANK OF INDIA
Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (05173), Bengaluru

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name Smt. Saly Joseph
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9449842910
Landline No.(office): 080-2594 3678, 3663

Address of the Branch:
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre
J C Road, Bengaluru -560 002
Contact: CCO: **Shri. Prem Kumar**
Mb : 9108917324, Tel:080-2594-3678/3663
e-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

APPENDIX- IV A
[See proviso to Rule 8 (6)]
E-AUCTION ON 18.07.2020
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO RULE 8 (6) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on **18.07.2020** for recovery of **Rs.1,14,92,233/-** (Rupees One Crore forteen lacs ninety two thousand two hundred thirty three only) as on 25.06.2020 + interest from 26.06.2020 + costs, charges and incidental expenses to State Bank of India, Secured creditor from **Sri. Shamarao Rajendra Rao Kulkarni,** Samruddi Building, Jamakhandi Math Layout, II Cross, Narayanpur Dharwad. **Also at : (1)** Sri. Shamarao Rajendra Rao Kulkarni, Chowki Math Building, Vikas Nagar, Opposite B G School, Dharwad. **(2)** Arihantha Building, Canara Bank Colony, Kelageri Road, Dharwad 580001.
The reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount will be as under:-

Reserve Price (Below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid increment amount	Time of e-Auction of Property	Last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents
Rs.1,20,00,000/-	Rs.12,00,000/-	Rs. 2,00,000/-	12.30 am. to 1.30 pm. on 18.07.2020	On or before 16.07.2020 up to 4.00 P.M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Tender No: SBI/SARB/EA/PK/2020-21/577:
Title deed holder: Sri. Shamarao R Kulkarni
All the piece and parcel of the House Property, NA Plot No.4 in Sy. No. 47/1+2A/2, measuring 2 guntas 9.25 annas and NA Plot No. 5+6/1 in Sy. No.47/1+2A/2 measuring 01guntas 6.3 annas out of 2 guntas 2.5annas on the western side of the property both situated at Doddanayakanakoppa, Jamakhandimath Layout, Dharwad House building thereon belonging to Sri. Shamarao Rajendra Rao Kulkarni and the same is bounded by East: Plot No.5, West: Plot No.3, North: Road and South: Plot No.10 & 11.

To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorised Officer, there are entries related to Agreement to sale entered into by the Owner with prospective purchaser after the mortgage in favour of the Bank. An agreement of sale does not by itself create any charges or interest in the property and therefore the entry relating to agreement of sale cannot be equated with encumbrance. However, intending bidders should make their own independent enquires regarding the encumbrance, title of the property put on auction, approved/sanctioned plan from appropriate statutory authority and claims/rights/dues affecting the property, prior to submitting their bids, The e-auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the Bank.The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorised Officer/Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/ dues. It Shall be the responsibilities of the intending bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the property before submission of the bid(s). It shall be deemed that intending bidders have done their own due deligence before submitting the tender. No conditional bid will be accepted.
For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.sbi.co.in and www.tenderwizard.com/SBIEAUCTION.

Date: 29.06.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
SARB, Bengaluru

The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd
No.73/1, Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore - 560 004.
Ph: 080-22421998, 22420819 E-mail: admin.ao@ncbl.org.in

PUBLIC AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and to the Borrower/s and Guarantors/s in particular that the under mentioned property mortgaged to The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., taken possession under the provisions of Section 13(4) and Rule 8 (6) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, will be sold in Public Auction as mentioned below for recovery of under mentioned dues and further interest, charges and costs etc, as detailed below by adopting any of the methods mentioned in Rule 8(5)of the above rules. The property is being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS AND AS IS WHAT IS AND WHATEVER THERE IS" AND "NO RECOURSE BASIS"** and as such the sale is without any kind of warranties and indemnities.

Name of borrowers & Mortgagors and guarantors / sureties	**1. Sri. Ramanjini K, the borrower &** **2. Smt. Gowramma- the guarantor** Both residing @ No 341, 4th Main, OMBR Layout, Dodda Banasawadi, Bangalore – 43
Date, Time and Place of Auction	**16.07.2020 at 11.30AM** The National Co. Op. Bank Ltd., Admn. Office, Gandhi Bazar. Bengaluru.
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs.1,06,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs only)
Reserve Price	**Rs.10,60,00,000/-** (Rupees Ten Crore Sixty Lakhs only)
Bid Increment by	**Rs.25,000/-** (Rupees: Twenty Five Thousand only)
Debt due including interest as on 30.06.2020 plus future interest from 01.07.2020 & charges, costs, etc	**Rs.11,60,00,000/-** (Rupees Elevan Crore Sixty Lakhs only)
Date and Time of inspection of properties for intending bidders/purchasers	On all working days between **10.00 A M to 5.00 P M till 15.07.2020.**

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing SiteNo. 57,58,59,60,61,62,63 & 64, bearing Amalgamated BBMP Khata No. 173, KTR/31/2012-1-J Ward No. 26, Ramamurthynagar, Situated at Kowdenahalli, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, measuring East to West 120 Feet, North to South 80 feet, totally measuring 9600 Sq. ft. Along with built area of 3000 Sq. ft in the Stilt Floor and 38400 Sq. ft built up area in Ground, First, Second and Third Floor and bounded on as follows: East by : Site No. 56 & 65, West by : Road, North by : Road, South by : Road.

TERMS AND CONDTIIONS OF AUCTION SALE:-

1) For participating in auction, intending bidders have to deposit a refundable EMD of 10% of Reserve Price by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "913020046646999- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd, through IFSC Code "UTIB0000558" BANK: Axis Bank, Branch :Chamarajpet** Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of " The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd," payable at Bangalore so as to reach us on or before **16.07.2020.** The intending bidders have to submit copy of ID and address proof and PAN Card to the Authorized Officer **The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** Gandhi Bazaar Main Road, Bangalore-560004. The EMD will not carry any interest.
2) The property "SHALL NOT BE SOLD" below the Reserve Price.
3) The successful bidder should deposit 25% of the bid amount (including EMD) immediately on declaring him as successful bidder, and the balance 75% of bid amount within 15 days after the sale date by RTGS/NEFT/Funds Transfer to the credit of **A/C No "913020046646999- A/c Name: The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd,** through **IFSC Code "UTIB0000558" BANK: Axis Bank, Branch : Chamarajpet** Or by Demand Draft /Pay Order in favour of **"The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,"** payable at Bangalore.
4) In case of default in payment at any stage by the successful bidder as mentioned above, the sale shall be treated as cancelled and the amount already paid will be forfeited.
5) The property is put for sale on the condition **"AS IS WHERE IS" and "AS IS WHAT IS " and " NO RECOURSE"** basis. The intending bidder shall satisfy himself about the title, Ownership, Statutory approvals, encumbrances, claims etc., in regard to the property. The Bidder has to bear the Registration Charges, Stamp Duty, Cess, Sales Tax (if applicable) and any other statutory dues or other dues like Municipal Tax, Electricity Charges, Land use conversion charges, Society Charges, Maintenance Charges, Akrama/Sakrama and all other incidental costs, charges including all taxes and rates and any outgoings relating to the property.
6) General Power of Attorney holders, agents and any other persons are not allowed to participate in the auction on behalf of the bidders.
7) This is also notice to the (Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor) of the aforesaid loan dues about holding of auction sale on above mentioned date if the dues are not repaid in full.
8) The Bank reserves the right to cancel / postpone the bid without assigning any reasons.
9) The Authorised Offcer is presumed to have information about the mortgaged property. However, Authrised Officer is not responsible for any wrong information which has not come to his notice.

Note: The intending bidders may contact Sri.Prasad G, Branch Manager, The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Banasawadi Branch on Mob No. : 8861711522 & Land Line No. 080 - 25452772 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of the property.

Date: 29.06.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The National Co-Operative Bank Ltd

CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Varsha Samtani D/o Shri Shivandas Ramchand and W/o Shri Ram G. Samtani aged about 54 years residing at Vardaan No. 2, 16th Cross, 6th Main, Malleswaram, Bangalore-55 do hereby confirm that Vimi Ramchand, Vimi Ram Tanwani, Varsha Ram Samtani, Varsha R. Samtani and Varsha Samathani are all of the same person Varsha Samtani. I wish to be addressed as **VARSHA SAMTANI** henceforth sworn before Notary C.Srinivas, Malleswaram, Bangalore on 27th June 2020.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SALAN MANIKYAMMAL, Spouse of No. 15324447F HAV K.Govindaraj residing at Kundalakuttai, Mallapadi (Post) Krishnagiri (Taluk) Krishnagiri (Dist) Tamil Nadu (State) PIN:635104, have changed my name from **SALAN MANIKYAMMAL** to **MANIKYAMMA** vide affidavit Dated 25/06/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shashikala.V, D/o. A Vellaswamy, age 33 years, R/at #3614/B, 3rd Cross, B Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Near Ganesha Temple, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore North, Srirampuram, Bangalore - 560 021 have embraced islam and changed my name from **'SHASHIKALA.V' to 'AYESHA INAYA'** Vide Affidavit dated 25.06.2020. Sworn before Advocate & Notary C.Venkatapathy, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JINCY JAISE, Spouse of No. 15321306F L/Hav Jaise.P Residing at Kunnumpurathu House Thannithode (Vill) Thekkuthode (Post) Pathanamthitta (Dist) Kerala (State) PIN:689699, have changed my name from **JINCY JAISE** to **JINCY GEORGE** vide affidavit Dated 25/06/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MUBARAK ARSALAN**, S/o. **Abdul Nawaz**, R/at No.170, Bradshaw Street, Cotes Park, Nehrupuram, Bangalore - 560001, have changed my name to **MUBARAK ARSALAAN** vide affidavit dated 4/06/2020 before Notary **Meer Hassan**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) MAHADHEVAMA, M/o Army No. 14844053W, Rank: SEP/MT, Name: T.H.Gangadaraswamy, residing at No. Thumbasoge (V & P) H.D.Kote (T) Mysore, Karnataka PIN:571121, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MAHADEVAMMA** vide affidavit dated 29/06/2020 sworn before Notary Harisha.G., Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GHAZALA ANUJUM ILYAS,** W/o. **SYED ILYAS**, R/at house No.97/1, 6th main Road, Sagayapuram, Bangalore North, Fraser Town, Bangalore - 560005, have changed my Name to **GHAZALA ILYAS** vide affidavit dated 29/06/2020 before Notary **C. Sharada**, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, P.SHYAMALA, W/o PENDA BALAMALLESH KRISHNA resident of SMQ 598/2, 7th Camp, Air Force Station Jalahalli East, Bengaluru-560013 have changed my name from **P.SHYAMALA** to **PENDA SHYAMALA** vide Affidavit No.IN-KA69431780256436S dated 25/06/2020 before Notary K.C.Pemmaiah at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ms. Angel Roopa. G.P.,** Age: 34 Years, D/o: George.R., & Mrs.Pushpalatha, R/o: Flat No.D-005, DAHLIA, Block-B, 'Sruthika Spring Fields', Singapura Village, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bangalore-97; have changed my former name **'Angel Ruba'** as **Angel Roopa .G.P.,** before Notary on 29-6-2020. I expressly authorize and request all persons at all times hereafter to designate and address me by such assumed name of **Angel Roopa.G.P.**
Newspaper Dated 30-06-2020

CHANGE OF NAME
I, APOORVA BHARADWAJ, R/o No. 514, Gokul, 3rd A Main Road, OMBR Layout, Banaswadi, Bangalore-43 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **APOORVA M R** to **APOORVA BHARADWAJ,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **APOORVA BHARADWAJ** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 26.06.2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.V. CHANDRA SHEKARA REDDY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mr. Ravindra. D.A.,** Age: 44 Years, S/o. S.N.Ashwathaiah, R/o: No.119, Doddajala Village & Post, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-562157; have changed the former name my minor son **'Doddajala Ravindra Dhanvin'** also called **'Dhanvin. D.R.',** aged 14 years, as **Dhanvin Ravindraa,** before Notary on 22-02-2017. I expressly authorize and request all persons at all times hereafter to designate and address my son by his such assumed name of **Dhanvin Ravindraa.**
Newspaper Dated 30-06-2020

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SARITHA, W/o Mr.David L R., age 41 years, R/a No. 06, 1st Main, Chikkamunivenkatappa Layout, Guddadahalli, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru-32 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SARITHA** and **MARY SARITHA** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **MARY SARITHA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 27th June 2020 sworn before Notary **I. KANIKHA RAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Ms. Shivla .R. Raj.,** Age: 23 Years, D/o: Raviraj .B.A. & Mrs. Mamatha .R Raj, R/o: No.527/C, 12th A Cross, Sector-A, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-64; have changed my former name **'Rajeshwari.R.Raj'** as **Shivla.R.Raj.,** before Notary on 29-6-2020. I expressly authorize and request all persons at all times hereafter to designate and address me by such assumed name of **Shivla. R. Raj.**
Newspaper Dated 30-06-2020

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AKSHATH JAIN, S/o Mr. Shah Sanjay, R/at No. N-1701, Raj Lakeview Apartments, 29th Main Road, N S Palya, Near Madiwala Lake, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-76 do hereby declare that I have changed my name to **SHAH AKSHAT,** vide an affidavit dated 07.06.2020, duly sworn before the Notary **Smt. K.C. GOWTHAMI** (Registered No. 21838), Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, HEMA S DANARADDI, Spouse of No. 16112885K HAV Santosha Danaraddi, residing at Vill/Town, Mallapur, Post:Malapur, Dist:Gadag, State:Karnataka, PIN:582209, have changed my name from **HEMA S DANARADDI** to **HEMA MANINAGAR** vide affidavit dated 26/06/2020 sworn before Notary Gangaraju.B.N., Bangalore.

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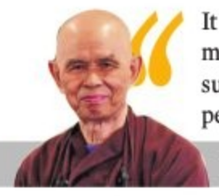

"It is not impermanence that makes us suffer. What makes us suffer is wanting things to be permanent when they are not"

Thich Nhat Hanh

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— Ramnath Goenka

WE AWAIT A CREAM TO CLEANSE OUR SOUL

Ironies are 'dark', and a 'fair' trial is a good one ... politics colours the very marrow of our language. So we must dip our hands into that bleeding heart of darkness—our unconscious mind—to reach at how we are, before we can change it. Before 'seeking a fair bride' is seen to be what it is—a hideous act of self-loathing by Indians. The Pandava queen Panchali may not have got a fair trial in her moment of humiliation, her public disrobing, but her unparalleled beauty was perhaps the source of most of the unfairness meted to her. Including by the dark-skinned Krishna, who later argued that war could not only be to avenge her humiliation alone. That she was dark did *not* dim her beauty—perhaps was the source of it. But B R Chopra, Bollywood director-turned-kitschy television bard, whitewashed both characters: with dulcet-toned actors. Himself a dark man, he perhaps couldn't rise above his Punjabi sensibility, where 'wheatish' skin is the idealised norm. Dark irony, anyone? Or maybe he bowed to our mass self-illusion—a deep curse upon the self, partly sui generis, partly mediated by colonial humiliation. Hindi cinema was dotted with dusky beauties, but they were mostly air-brushed to a talcum shade. What we lost in our quest for the 'fair and lovely' is the whole range of lovely shades that abound in India, west to east, north to south.

The George Floyd killing and the anti-racist surge in the West seem to have come as a moment of reckoning, if not awakening, with Unilever dropping the word 'fair' from the name of its whitening cream. But a rose by any other name ...? Will a ₹3,000 crore business model change? Of exploiting India's seemingly endless desire to sport a lighter shade as some sort of passage to another world? Will this be that life-transforming moment? Maybe not. We await a cream to cleanse our soul.

SPORTS MINISTRY MUST ACT FAST

Stunned could be an understatement, while describing the unprecedented situation caused by the derecognition of all National Sports Federations by the sports ministry. Though there are arguments for and against this decision and the effect it is going to have, there is no denying that the ministry delayed granting annual recognition this time. This is usually over by the end of the year, but this time, it took six months more. That too, to grant provisional extension.

In a February order, the Delhi High Court said, "The Court further directs that both the IOA and MYAS will, hereafter while seeking to take any decision in relation to the NSFs, inform the Court in advance." The Bench termed the ministry's decision to grant provisional recognition to 54 federations without intimating the court an "overreach". It was an embarrassing moment, which could have been avoided. The ministry just had to file an affidavit in court before granting provisional recognition. And the Covid-19 lockdown was a good enough excuse for granting provisional extension. The ministry is apparently mulling approaching the Supreme Court to allow it to take decisions on NSFs without intimating the Delhi High Court in advance, but that can be a tedious process.

Though under normal circumstances, the derecognition could have severely affected various national competitions and the process of sending athletes for overseas training and competitions, due to the lockdown, that embarrassment can be avoided. Usually, the ministry takes care of the athletes' training and funding which will now be directly transferred to the players instead of going through federations. In any case, the ministry does not fund federations, except for hosting nationals. Even when federations were derecognised in the past, training of athletes continued. However, with as many as 54 federations derecognised, accounting will become a daunting task. Most of the funds usually come through the schemes of Sports Authority of India. So if athletes have to train, schemes have to be changed or diverted. The immediate future is crucial and steps must be taken before sporting activities begin. Once normalcy returns, derecognition will create confusion.

The grand old party must remember that when a neighbouring country tries to challenge our sovereignty, our fight is with that aggressor, not the BJP

WITH WHOM IS THE CONGRESS FIGHTING?

VINAY SAHASRABUDDHE

National Vice President of the BJP, President, ICCR, and Rajya Sabha MP

AMIT BANDRE

Although very tragic, it is least surprising that the Congress has chosen to settle scores with the BJP, the Central government led by the BJP and more particularly Prime Minister Narendra Modi, using the recent happenings on the India-China border. Why is the Congress leadership behaving in this manner? Given the history of Communist parties in India, it is not surprising that they have taken a soft stand towards China and its misadventure. But from the Congress party, as India's GOP, expectations were certainly very different.

During the immediate post-Independence era, the then RSS chief Guruji Golwalkar had at multiple occasions strongly advocated a united approach in the face of external threats rising above petty partisan considerations. "*Vayam Panchadhikam Shatam*", meaning we are all together and hence 105 (100 Kauravas and 5 Pandavas) was his sane advice. In fact, when the then PM Jawaharlal Nehru was to be greeted with black flags at Fort Pratap Gadh in Maharashtra, right in the thick of Samyukta Maharashtra Movement in the late fifties, the RSS had opposed this demonstration saying that we must not insult our guest who is here to unveil the statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj.

Most non-Congress parties in India had taken a similar approach and extended all possible cooperation to the governments of the day on all occasions when some neighbouring country threatened India's sovereignty. Atal Bihari Vajpayee had famously appreciated the leadership provided by Smt Indira Gandhi during the Bangladesh war. Similar was the approach of opposition parties during earlier occasions when aggressors had tried to occupy our territories. This was of course not just a coincidence, much less a tactical move by the then opposition parties. Although we have a huge number of political parties and the political-ideological differences are perennially sharp—except for those who draw ideological inspiration from abroad—all speak in one voice when the threat is from external actors. But alas, this time, unlike the many other non-Communist political parties, the Congress has chosen to adopt a crass partisan line giving an impression that not China but the BJP is Congress's enemy number one. This is sordid, to say the least.

This approach of the Congress merits attention as there is clear method in the madness that India's GOP is indulging in. There are at least three clear indicators of this. Firstly, the vexed issue of PM Modi's remarks at the end of the all-party virtual meeting is in fact a classic case of 'much-ado-about-nothing'. The clarification issued by the PMO later is powerful enough to have the subject settled. "Prime Minister's observations that there was no Chinese presence on our side of the LAC pertained to the situation as a consequence of the bravery of our armed forces. The sacrifices of the soldiers of the 16 Bihar Regiment foiled the attempt of the Chinese side to erect structures and also cleared the attempted transgression at this point of the LAC on that day." This was a statement making the situation as clear as one can. Today, if somebody is talking about surrendering Indian territory simply to satisfy one's ego, it can best be described as a manufactured controversy. A recalcitrant party leadership, disregarding the wrong signals that emanate causing serious damage, churlishly unleashed a social media campaign titled 'Speak Up India campaign'. This kind of an approach would unnecessarily create an atmosphere of confusion, complicating the larger issue. When every sane citizen is expected to rally behind the national leadership, these tactics may help the Congress earn some brownie points, but only at the cost of the nation's collective resolve to fight against the enemy. Let it also be mentioned here that the Congress is missing the point seriously, as people in India reject any such attempt to speak in multiple voices when our enemies create trouble.

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Secondly, the extraordinary belligerence with which the Congress is trying to fish in these troubled waters makes one suspect whether its main objective is to make people forget the sins committed by previous Congress governments. Not just one or two, but the Congress had committed at least four big blunders during its regimes. Defence experts have rightly described all these as Himalayan blunders. These are: the mess in Jammu and Kashmir right at the dawn of Independence, continuously ignoring Chinese threats and neglecting our northern borders in the sixties, our agreeing under the Shimla Agreement to return 96,000 PoWs of Pakistan and in return getting only 617 Indian PoWs released with at least 54 languishing in Pakistani jails for decades together, and lastly our turning a Nelson's eye to the issue of illegal migrants coming from Bangladesh and the subsequent endangering of the demographic character of regions on our borders, thanks to vote-bank politics.

Thirdly, the sheer partisan approach of the Congress is evident from the shrill campaign on an issue concerning our national spirit and nationalism. Not any economic issue or issues concerning the management of the pandemic, but it is on an emotive issue that evokes our patriotic spirit that the Congress wants to create an impression that the government is cornered. This is a textbook example of crafty politics played with cunningness. In the late 1950s, the then Congress leadership had hijacked the socialist agenda at the Avadi session of the INC. Thereafter, various groups labelling themselves as socialist parties felt that their independent status had become redundant and that was almost the end of the PSP and SSP. But hijacking an amorphous Socialism was easy. With Nationalism, the Congress has long before lost the constituency. The GOP must appreciate this fact that its old brand of politics is no more relevant. Similar attempts by its leadership had ended with burnt fingers, for instance when it tried to play with fire immediately after the 1999 Kargil War. The Congress must remember that Nationalism is not an ornament that you can conveniently wear on your sleeves. The Congress must remember that when a neighbouring country tries to challenge our sovereignty, our fight is with the challenger, not the BJP.

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FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED FOR DISTRESSED FUNDS IN REAL ESTATE

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The real estate sector, still stressed due to the double impact of demonetisation and GST (much like the mythological Scylla and Charybdis), is yet to absorb the impact fully when faced with the Covid situation. With home buyers' concerns prioritised by the government and the judiciary, there may be a growing sense of despair amongst the majority of developers, with no specific reforms for the sector other than some in the affordable housing space. On the other hand, the housing finance companies (HFCs), while keeping a close eye on the recoverability of their retail and wholesale books amidst the moratorium imposed by the RBI, are preparing for a change of guard as the regulatory baton transitions from National Housing Bank (NHB) to the central bank.

The RBI has on 17 June 2020 issued draft guidelines for the HFCs seeking comments from stakeholders. Whilst the guidelines are still at the drawing board stage and may well undergo some modifications, it does reveal the direction of the RBI's intent with respect to the HFCs. The underlying narrative expressed by the RBI through these draft guidelines is to increase the exposure to retail individual borrowers. A mechanism of mandating a minimum exposure of 37.5% of its total assets (less cash, bank balance and money market instruments) in retail housing finance to individuals is proposed, which would consequently and systemically reduce the exposure of the HFCs in developers. Credit for developers, primarily for construction finance, was funded largely by the HFCs. They saw a business opportunity to grant construction finance to developers to garner a favourable position for retail lending in the same project. Further, with respect to group companies of the HFCs in real estate business, it is proposed to prevent double financing in a manner that the HFC may only have an exposure in the project either through financial assistance to its group company engaged in real estate or the retail home buyers, but not to both.

With the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code already in suspended animation for at least six months, it is imperative that alternative channels for rehabilitation and restructuring are made available for this sector. With the sector reeling under severe stress, distressed funds would be looking at opportunities to deploy capital in this space. However, an important factor for any distressed capital to fund stressed assets is the ability to have a flexible capital structure. The agility to fund and consequently control, either or both the equity structure and the debt stack of a company, is precisely what a distressed fund requires. The current regulatory framework, however, does not afford this flexibility. There are primarily two private pooling vehicles through which the equity or the debt capital of a stressed company can be acquired. Alternative investment fund (AIF), a private capital pooling vehicle regulated by the SEBI, can only acquire equity (and debt securities) but not loans. The other is an asset reconstruction company (ARC), which is regulated by the RBI and is also a capital pooling vehicle, but for identified qualified institutional buyers investing in the acquisition of non-performing loans. An ARC can only acquire debt. The equity acquisition for an ARC is limited to the conversion of debt into equity pursuant to the covenants of a loan agreement pertaining to the underlying loan acquired by the ARC. Thus, our regulatory framework does not offer the flexibility to a distressed fund to route all its investment, irrespective of the proposed capital structure of the investee company, through a single pooled vehicle regulated by a single regulator. Albeit this sounds completely perplexing, the reason may be historical and lost in the milieu of semantics. Ostensibly, the SEBI is the regulator for securities market and protects investors interest in securities, and the RBI is the regulator for the banking system and consequently responsible for the regulation of the stressed assets in the banking system. Other than this optical construct, there is no constitutional impediment for the SEBI to allow AIFs to acquire loans or for ARCs to acquire shares. Whilst in the case of the SEBI, the AIF Regulations need an enabling clause, for ARCs it would require an amendment to the SARFAESI Act, the governing statute for ARCs. If the same is allowed, the institutional investors would be able to have flexibility on the capital structure of the target company once the vehicle is chosen. Of course, an investor must be mindful, inter alia, that ARCs can only acquire NPAs or SMA2 (where the default is more than 60 days) or that AIFs may not have the benefit of enforcement under SARFAESI.

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Although the IBC has been suspended, it may not have been the perfect prescription for large real estate projects, especially due to the sheer volume of stakeholders being represented in the COC. A more consensual approach is required for resolving large residential real estate projects. A regulatory framework that is flexible for the investor as regards the nature of capital outlay with respect to the investee company must be seriously explored by the regulators.

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MAILBAG

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Strong punishment needed

This is with reference to *How to tackle police brutality* (Jun 29). In the US, the four cops responsible for George Floyd's death have been charged with murder or abetting it. In India too such punishment is needed to put an end to police brutality. Otherwise, the errant cops will walk free and the system will not change.

P G Menon, Chennai

Human rights in schools

The need of the hour is to tackle police brutality. It was saddening to note that 15 people have died in police custody or due to police beating between March 25 and April 30. As the editorial said, schools should teach human rights as part of the syllabus. In the end, the effort to overcome this must come from within the police force.

S Chockalingam, Kottaram

Counselling sessions

It is the responsibility of parents and schools to teach children about human rights and values. Movies should stop glorifying extrajudicial killings. Police academies should introduce counselling sessions to help policemen learn to control their emotions.

V K S Krishnan, Kumbakonam

Terrorising innocent people

Another alleged death due to police brutality in Tenkasi comes on the heels of the Sathankulam incident. The police have special discretionary powers in some cases. They should use it prudently and not terrorise innocent people. Recurring incidents of such brutality will tarnish the image of the entire force and people will lose faith in the police.

V Sriram, Tiruchy

Policing-led lockdown

This is with reference to the opinion article *Lockdowns should not be policing-led* (Jun 29). A policing-led lockdown seems unavoidable. Even in a highly literate state like Kerala, people have a tendency to violate lockdown norms despite frequent advice by authorities.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Darkest of crimes

Arguably the worst of crimes, that of child pornography, has made the headlines in Kerala. The darkest of crimes against an impressionable and vulnerable section of society can neither be condoned nor soft-pedaled on. The beastly act must be dealt with most severely by the law of the land.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Allies are behind us

Amid the continuing Sino-Indian standoff at Ladakh, it is good news that India's allies have thrown their weight behind it and pitched in with commitments for weapons and ammunition for the armed forces. India and Japan also held a naval drill in the Indian Ocean recently, sending a sound message to Beijing. Though war is the last resort, India must give no quarter to China.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Should be part of syllabi

This is with reference to *From Aryabhateeya to the Kerala school of mathematics* (June 27). Many of the contributions mentioned were eye-opening. Our education system must include such details on our past.

Deepak K, Cuttack

Well brought out

The article is an interesting read and well brought out. The elaborate approach to make one understand the contributions of India to mathematics is welcome.

S Shanmugam, Tirunelveli

A case of muscle flexing

State-owned Prasar Bharati saying popular news agency, Press Trust of India, acted in a manner detrimental to the nation's interest has stirred a hornet's nest. Many media houses have rallied around PTI, which is clearly being bullied for practising objective journalism. The threat to unsubscribe to the agency is clearly a case of muscle flexing and an attempt to make PTI toe the government's line.

C V Aravind, Bengaluru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Shashi Tharoor @ShashiTharoor
Unconscionable price-gouging of India by an anti-people Govt, w/21 days of continuous fuel price rises, has to stop.

Anurag Thakur @ianuragthakur
India turned adversity into an opportunity, under @makeinindia we've become the world's 2nd largest PPE kits manufacturer

Kanhaiya Kumar @kanhaiyakumar
Taking army's name and hiding his failures has become a habit and a need for Saheb.

'Our researchers need to lead'

*Indian researchers need to innovate in fields that haven't been explored and become the leaders in them rather than filling gaps in someone else's research, said **Dr Uday B Desai,** noted academician and former director of IIT Hyderabad. He also said there will always be people misusing it but that should come in the way of granting of academic freedom to researchers. Dr Desai was in conversation with senior journalist **Kaveree Bamzai** and **Dr S Vaidhyasubramaniam,** Vice-Chancellor of SASTRA Deemed-to-be University, at TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

Researchers in India need to develop the confidence to delve into areas that have not been explored yet and cultivate this mindset in the youngsters rather than giving them an algorithm for research, Dr Desai said.

"Our research is about finding gaps in the research that has already been done and then come up with an upgrade. Why can't we write papers where we wouldn't have to put a literature survey — it will be the first of its kind work. The fellow sitting at MIT has the confidence to do it. We need to develop that," he said. "Research is a very non-linear process. It does not have an algorithm that you can follow. Sometimes you start with something and you'll end up discovering something else. We need to give that leeway."

Talking about the need to give researchers more freedom to work, network and collaborate, he said there will always be people misusing a structure or a system, but that should not deter the necessary change, said the professor. "Some people will always misuse any change. But there will be exceptional people on the other side. Unfortunately in India, we concentrate on people who misuse it. I would rather concentrate on excellence. If I am changing a system, I'll have to keep aside a sum for people who will misuse it," said Dr Desai. "You need three things to propagate good research — hire the best possible faculty, give them the freedom and invest in research equipment. You also need Masters and PhD students to carry on research."

Dr Desai said Indian institutes do not invest in people or headhunt them aggresively, as much as they should. "In the US, they would hunt for good people. They would go after good people. We have occasionally done that in the IITs. If you look at how Stanford was built, in the late 50s, they went and got top-notch people who built it up. It is a hard, long-drawn process." That does not necessarily mean they have to give away huge chunks of money, he said. "I'm saying get good people and give them money to set up world-class labs. We are not on par with universities in the US. That requires money. Many who come back are not looking for massive salaries, but you need research equipment and support."

Dr Desai underlined that the Indian education system needs to empower faculty and stop micromanaging them. "We need a cultural mindset change with research. You have to give them freedom, not make them come to you for small approvals," he said.

Syed Geelani raps rampant indiscipline, quits Hurriyat

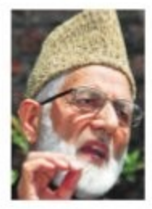
FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

IN a major jolt to separatist politics in Jammu and Kashmir, veteran separatist leader Syed Ali Geelani on Monday announced his surprise resignation from the hardline faction of the Hurriyat Conference that he had founded in 2003.

In a two-page letter sent to all Hurriyat constituents, Geelani accused some unnamed constituents of indiscipline, non-cooperation, financial irregularities and creating "parallel structure".

"In view of the current state of affairs of Hurriyat Conference, I am announcing my complete dissociation from the forum. In this context, I have already sent a detailed letter to all constituents of the forum informing about the decision," the 90-year-old said in a brief audio message.

Geelani's decision comes at a time when the separatist camp is facing strong criticisms from within the Valley and in Pakistan for maintaining a "total silence" over the Narendra Modi-led NDA government's dilution of Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution.



Geelani had caused a split in the Hurriyat Conference in 2003 and heads the hardline faction, while cleric Mirwaiz Umar Farooq heads the moderate faction.

In the letter, Geelani said activities of Hurriyat members in PoK were being investigated for various allegations including financial irregularities and indiscipline.

"Their activities were limited now to seeking access to assemblies and ministries for joining the government in PoK. Some members were expelled while others started holding their own meetings. These activities were endorsed by Hurriyat constituents here in a meeting," he said.

On the silence of Hurriyat leaders after scrapping Article 370 last year, Geelani said, "I sent messages to those leaders who were not in jail to chalk out the course of action. But none turned up and all my efforts went in vain. Now that sword of accountability is hanging over their heads for financial and other irregularities, they thought of calling the advisory committee meeting."

CENTRE CHANGE

SC asks ICAI to rework exam opt-out option

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THE Supreme Court on Monday asked the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to rework its opt-out option for exams in a way that is flexible and not rigid given the Covid-19 pandemic.

The exams are scheduled to be held between July 29 and August 16.

A three-judge bench led by Justice A M Khanwilkar asked the ICAI to bring out a fresh notification that will allow a student to opt out of the tests at any time, even once the tests start.

As per the existing notification, the last date for a student to exercise this option is June 30. But with the court order, the deadline will stand revised.

The bench was hearing a petition filed by the India-Wide Parents Association that challenged the opt-out scheme and sought more centres for CA exam.

"There can be a situation where a student opted for a centre but that becomes a containment zone. Can the student opt for a last-minute change of centre?" asked the bench, suggesting the ICAI redo its notification and slated the hearing for July 2.

ICAI's counsel argued that the petitioner's concern about the opt-out option was unfounded. He said the institute was bound by the Chartered Accountants Act.

"The change of centre should not be frozen but kept open for all till the end. You need to be flexible, you cannot be rigid," the bench told the counsel.

Covid fight: Focus shifted to mitigation as cases rise

Govt has changed strategy that was earlier centred on containment

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

WITH Covid-19 cases rising, the government seems to have quietly changed its focus from containment to mitigation in areas worst hit by the infectious disease such as Delhi.

Last week, the Indian Council of Medical Research had asked states to allow coronavirus testing for symptomatic persons in any part of the country. "Since test, track and treat is the only way to prevent spread of infection and save lives, it is imperative that testing should be made widely available to all symptomatic individuals in every part of the country and contact tracing mechanisms for containment of infection are further strengthened," the ICMR said in a paper called 'Newer Additional Strategies for Covid-19 Testing' on June 23.

Until now, only people with influenza like illnesses living in containment zones and other high-risk groups such as quarantine camps were eligible for Covid-19 tests.

The shift in focus to mitigation has resulted in the government taking measures to ramp up the availability of hospital beds and Covid care centres. This has been most evident in Delhi, where the Ministry of Home Affairs declared last week that 20,000 additional beds would soon be ready.

A LPG cylinder vendor pulls his cycle past a barricade as police personnel stand guard at a COVID-19 containment zone in New Delhi on Monday | PTI

Many experts who believe that community transmission has already started, although the government is yet to accept this view, have argued for shifting the focus to mitigation rather than containment.

"While processes like testing and tracing will continue, the focus is shifting to minimising deaths through early case detection, triage and ensuring that adequate hospital facilities are available to manage the surge in cases," said Sanjay Rai, professor of community medicine at AIIMS-Delhi, who is assisting the state government with its Covid response.

Another epidemiologist who is part of a team of experts helping the ICMR, said if ongoing serosurvey shows a high number of people have already been exposed to the virus, it would be wise to pay attention to managing patients.

We shall continue our best practices to check pandemic: BSY

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The lockdown for over a month has hit the income of the common people. Therefore, an 'Exit Plan' for a post-lockdown phase had been an immediate concern. The government announced a total package of Rs 2,272 cr in three phases -- Rs 1,610 cr, Rs 162 cr and Rs 500 cr – to protect the economically weaker sections and the working class.

Our holistic approach paid off subsequently. Earlier, Karnataka ranked 3rd in the number of corona cases, now it stands at the 10th position in the country. Day-to-day economic activities are gradually picking up pace.

Despite our best efforts, the number of cases is rising in Bengaluru at an alarming rate. According to the statistics provided by the BBMP Covid-19 War Room, a total of 440 containment zones are active in the city. In the State, a total of 14,295 cases have been recorded, 7,683 people discharged, and 226 deaths reported.

We are striving to check the pandemic. We shall continue the same best practices in the coming days: A) Contact tracing methodology B) Health risk survey of households.

Firstly, our five 'T principles' – trace, track, test, treat, and technology -- recognised by the Centre, will continue. The State's present healthcare infrastructure can treat 1 lakh Covid-19 patients and will be ramped up to treat 2 lakh.

Secondly, Karnataka has conducted a survey covering 1.5 crore households across the State to detect vulnerable populations like the elderly persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and those with Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI). The survey was meant for protecting and treating them with additional healthcare needs on priority.

We shouldn't let our guard down against the pandemic, at any cost. There is no place for complacency after the Centre lauded our strategy. Corona Warriors will intensify operations due to the rise of cases in Karnataka, especially in Bengaluru.

The pandemic can be contained if only preventive measures are implemented strictly. Lockdown will be enforced strictly in the clusters which reported more number of cases, especially, Bengaluru's KR Market and surrounding areas. Stringent directions have been issued to take action against those who violate quarantine, and FIR would be filed if necessary.

The State has increased the number of testing labs to 72 with a capacity to conduct over 15,000 tests per day.

Meanwhile, private hospitals have been roped in for the treatment of corona cases. The government has issued a notification under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, to share the number of beds in private hospitals between government referred and private patients and to regulate the package rates charged by them. Also, officials will keep information about the number of beds available in the city ready on the war room portal.

The government is doing its best to keep the people safe. I request the people not to be negligent and follow precautionary measures. Friends, your negligence may prove life-threatening to your near and dear. Please co-operate with the government.

(The writer is the Chief Minister of Karnataka)

Pvt airlines to play key role in Vande Bharat Phase 4

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PRIVATE airlines will play a major role in the Vande Bharat Mission Phase 4 beginning July 3. Nearly 500 flights will be operated by the private airlines, including IndiGo and GoAir. In early three phases of the repatriation exercise only Air India and its subsidiaries operated flights to different countries to bring back stranded Indians.

According to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, IndiGo will operate 238 flights from Qatar and 219 flights from Kuwait while GoAir will operate 41 flights from Kuwait. Officials said the numbers of private carriers, flights and destinations are likely to increase in this phase.

Air India has been assigned to operate 170 flights to and from 17 countries during the fourth phase between July 3 and 15. Besides, Air India Express will operate 300 flights in July (136 up to 14 July and 164 between July 15 and 31).

Talking about the success of the mission, Civil Aviation Minister Hardeep Singh Puri had on Sunday tweeted, "More than 150K people have returned on VBM flights and 55,000 have flown out of India. With Phase-4 of the mission all set to soar, these numbers will increase significantly. More Indians will be able to return home." The government had started the mission on May 6.

BLACKLISTING

SC asks govt to clarify on visa status of Tablighis

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THE Supreme Court on Monday sought more clarity from the Centre on whether the visas of blacklisted foreign members of the Tablighi Jamaat had been cancelled and separate orders issued against each of the 2,500 foreigners by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). A three-judge bench headed by Justice A M Khanwilkar asked the Solicitor General to file a response by July 2.

During the hearing, the bench asked that if the visas had been cancelled, then why hadn't these persons been deported yet.

Thirty-four foreigners belonging to 15 countries, who had attended a religious congregation organised by the Tablighi Jamaat at Nizamuddin in Delhi, had approached the court claiming that no individual orders were issued to them and a general direction was issued to the states directing blacklisting and registration of FIRs.

The petitioners were aggrieved by the MHA's April 2 decision to blacklist 960 foreigners of 35 countries for participating in the Tablighi Jamaat activities. They were not allowed to travel to India for the next 10 years.

On June 4, MHA further blacklisted 2,500 foreigners currently in India for participating in Tablighi Jamaat events and directed the police chiefs of states and UTs to register FIRs against them.

The petitioners claimed the order was passed without hearing them and it restricts their rights under Article 21. They demanded MHA to remove them from the blacklistand reinstate their visas.

LAC STAND-OFF

US playing India card: China govt mouthpiece

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CHINA seems to be upping the ante with its latest article in the Communist government's mouthpiece *Global Times* saying that it was "wishful thinking" on India's part if they thought that the US was going to aid them in case of a war.

"The US's only motive is to use India as a pawn in its geopolitical game. As senior Indian military officers are expecting a prolonged standoff in the China-India border region with the US reportedly voicing support for India, the Chinese military is demonstrating high military readiness on all fronts, as the intensive, simultaneous military exercises in the South China Sea, near Taiwan island and near the China-India border show India's wishful thinking of taking advantage of US support is merely an illusion," the article said.

The article comes a day before the Corps Commanders of the two militaries meet on Tuesday.

The article also blamed India for escalating tensions by deploying the Aakash air defence system in Ladakh. "The US has been hoping to play India as a card in its strategy to contain China, and it is now using India's domestic nationalists and hardliners in the China-India border tensions," it said.

Now Maya backs PM on LAC stand-off

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BAHUJAN Samaj Party (BSP) chief **Mayawati** on Monday extended support to the Modi government on the India-China border clash. She advised the Congress to stop politicising the issue and slammed its leadership for adopting a "nonsensical approach" in the matter.

Mayawati asserted that her party has always risen above petty party politics over issues of national concern. Talking to a news agency, the BSP chief said her party was standing with the BJP on this issue, though it was not an ally of the ruling party.

At the same time, she criticised the war-of-words between the BJP and the Congress. "Politics being done by the BJP and the Congress by levelling accusations against each other over the issue is not in the interest of the nation. It is a matter of great concern," Mayawati said, adding that China could take advantage of it.

In a sharp rebuttal to Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Mayawati said the BSP was not a pawn in hands of any party nor it was anyone's spokesperson. Taking a dig at Mayawati, Priyanka last week tweeted: "I am Indira Gandhi's granddaughter and not an undeclared spokesperson of the BJP like some opposition leaders."

'Return Chinese donations'

Chandigarh: Punjab CM Capt Amarinder Singh on Monday urged the Centre to return the donations received in PM Cares fund from Chinese companies or companies in which Chinese firms have stakes. Lashing out at the central government for receiving donations from Chinese companies at the time of Covid and increased PLA aggression on the LAC, he said the Centre should return "every single Chinese penny...even if one rupee has been received".

Wall dedicated to martyrs

Dehradun: Residents of a border village of Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district have dedicated a wall to soldiers martyred in Galwan Valley clash. The paintings were commissioned by the gram and the eco-tourism committee of Harsil, a village sharing border with China. The slogan 'We conquer, we kill' has been painted by the villagers on the gram sabha building wall. The names of the 20 martyrs have been etched on the wall.

EXPRESS READ

Uttarakhand govt issues SOP for Char Dham Yatra

Dehradun: The Uttarakhand government on Monday issued 'Standard Operating Procedure' for Char Dham Yatra which resumes for state pilgrims from July 1. Nobody from outside the state will be allowed. Ravinath Raman, chief executive of Char Dham Devsthanam Board said, "The SOP includes the details of procedure for digital registration of the yatraand other rules to be followed." The number of pilgrims has been fixed at 800 for Kedarnath, 1,200 for Badrinath, 600 for Gangotri and 400 for Yamunotri shrine.

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CHILD MARRIAGES

Over 500 cases of child marriage were reported in West Bengal since mid-March, officials said, claiming that in most cases, underage girls were married off by families who lost their earnings due to the nationwide lockdown

50 CONGRESS WORKERS HELD FOR FUEL PRICE HIKE PROTEST

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Chouhan meets PM, Shah amid cabinet rejig buzz

Suspense continues as names not finalised due to lack of consensus

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MADHYA Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan deferred his scheduled return to Bhopal as suspense over expansion of his cabinet continued on Monday evening. Chouhan, in Delhi since Sunday, has been holding hectic parleys with the central party leadership including PM Narendra Modi, BJP president JP Nadda, Home Minister Amit Shah, Narendra Singh Tomar, and Jyotiraditya Scindia.

However, the names for the expansion are yet to be finalised as there is a lack of consensus between the central and state leadership over some names, sources said.

While sources in Bhopal claimed that there was still a possibility of 22-25 ministers, including eight to nine from Scindia camp, being sworn in on Tuesday evening, others said that the expansion was expected to happen on Wednesday now.

According to BJP sources, one point of contention is the demand for the deputy chief minister post by Scindia. Narottam Mishra, the number two in the current MP cabinet, is also lobbying for the post of the deputy CM, sources said. However, Chouhan is not expected to yield to these demands.

A key BJP functionary also ruled out any such move saying, "I don't think there will be deputy chief ministers."

"The BJP leadership has more or less agreed to induct nine Scindia loyalists. There will be regional and caste balance in the expansion of the Cabinet with some fresh faces," he added. According to sources, some central leaders are concerned about the same faces getting ministerial berths every time. They also said that leaders from Gwalior-Chambal are yet to come to a consensus on names from that region.

UP Governor Anandiben Patel, who has been rendered additional charge of MP, owing to the hospitalisation of present Governor Lalji Tandon, was slated to arrive in Bhopal on Monday, but the visit was cancelled.

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan meets Jyotiraditya Scindia | TWITTER

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Border issues shouldn't affect ties: Nepal FM

NEW DELHI: A day after Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli accused New Delhi of trying to topple his government, its Foreign Minister Pradeep Kumar Gyawali said border issues should not affect other dynamics of India-Nepal ties.

"The government is concerned about multifaceted relations with India and one particular issue that revolves around the boundary dispute should not impact the overall status of Nepal's relations with India," he was quoted as saying at a meeting of the National Assembly of the Nepal Parliament.

The statement comes a day after Oli accused New Delhi of trying to topple his government following its decision to include the areas of Lipulekh, Limiyadhura and Kalapani in its new map after a constitutional amendment.

"No one should spread bitterness, all stakeholders must contribute in building a positive tone. I appeal to all stakeholders to make positive contributions to bilateral ties," Gyawali was quoted as saying. *ENS*

TRACKING COVID-19

Maharashtra government extends lockdown till July 31

A traffic jam on Western Express Highway at Jogeshwari in Mumbai on Monday | PTI

Largest plasma therapy trial

Thackeray on Monday launched Project Platina - world's largest plasma therapy trial - for Covid-19 patients. The Convalescent Plasma Therapy has shown encouraging results on Covid-19 patients in many cases. This trial-cum-treatment project will be conducted in 21 centres, including 17 medical colleges, across the state and four colleges under the BMC in Mumbai. The priority will be to help 500 critical patients in the state.

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI
@Mumbai

THE Maharashtra government on Monday extended the ongoing lockdown in the state till July 31 saying the fight against Covid-19 has not ended yet. The Uddhav Thackeray-led government also gave more power to the local administration to contain the spread of the virus. Maharashtra has got the highest numbers of Covid-19 positive patients and deaths across India.

"District Collectors and Commissioners of the Municipal Corporations in the state may enforce certain measures and necessary restrictions in specified local areas on the permitted non-essential activities and movement of persons to control the pandemic," an order issued by Chief Secretary Ajoy Mehta states.

"The movement of the person for non-essential activities like shopping and outdoor activities will be restricted in the neighbourhood areas only. While going out, the use of masks, social distancing, and personal hygiene have to be also strictly followed," said the notification adding that unrestricted movement will be allowed only for attending offices and emergencies.

All essential shops, e-commerce activity for essential and non-essential items, all industrial units which are presently operational, and home delivery of food will be allowed.

Any person violating the lockdown restrictions will be liable to actions under the Disaster Management Act 2005 and the Indian Penal Code. After the state government extended the lockdown, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation issued a circular making it is mandatory to wear face masks while venturing outside. Anyone violating this order will be liable to pay a fine of ₹1000.

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> Govt notification

Doda 'militancy-free' after Hizbul's commander killed

FAYAZ WANI @Srinagar

THE Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday said the Doda district in the Union Territory has become "militancy-free" as the last of the surviving militants in the area was killed in an encounter with security forces in Anantnag district.

Hizbul Mujahideen commander from Doda Masood Ahmad Bhat and two other militants were killed in a joint operation by the Special Operations Group (SOG) of the J&K Police, Army's 19 Rashtriya Rifles and the CRPF at Khul Chohar village in Anantnag district in the early hours of Monday, a police official said.

"The police had received inputs about the presence of militants Khul Chohar. During the search operation, the militants fired on the troops. Soon, the encounter broke out in which the militants were killed," he added. An AK-assault rifle, two pistols and ammunition were recovered from the encounter site. "The other two militants belonged to the Lashkar-e-Taiba," the police official said.

A police spokesman said Masood was the last surviving and active militant of Doda.

"With the killing of Masood, the Doda district has become militancy-free," he said.

The bodies of all the three militants were buried by the police in a graveyard in Handwara. Since the Covid-19 outbreak, the police have not been handing over the bodies of local militants to their families and burying them in graveyards.

About 20 encounters have taken place in J&K this month in which 50 militants have been neutralised.

Masood Ahmad Bhat gunned down

A police spokesman said Masood was involved in a rape case in the Doda district and had been absconding since then. "He later joined the Hizbul Mujahideen and shifted his area of operation to Kashmir," he said

National Forest Policy draft sent to cabinet

RICHA SHARMA @New Delhi

A group of ministers (GoM) discussed the Draft National Forest Policy, 2020 — pending for the last four years — during the lockdown, and approved it with some suggestions and finally, sent it to the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) and the Cabinet Secretariat for consideration and approval, according to a note by Union environment secretary RP Gupta accessed by this newspaper.

The policy has been pending since 2016 after it drew criticism and was withdrawn by the Union Environment Ministry. Another 10-page draft was brought in 2018 and a revised version last year. The sticking points include that it undermines rights of the traditional forest dwellers, ropes in private players for afforestation and rather than focusing on forest preservation, it talks of raising plantations.

"The Group of Ministers (GoM) discussed the National Forest Policy, 2020 in meetings held on April 21 and May 15 and had approved the same with some suggestions. The final note for the cabinet for approval of National Forest Policy 2020 was submitted on May 21 to the PMO and cabinet secretariat for consideration and approval," wrote Gupta on June 11.

The forest policy was last revised in 1988 with an aim that stability and maintenance of ecological balance including atmospheric equilibrium which is vital for sustenance of all life forms, human, animals and plants and that derivation of direct economic benefits must be subordinated to this. The forest policies of 1894 and 1952 have stressed on the production and revenue generation aspects of the forests.

The NDA government has invited criticism over relaxing of green norms on the context of facilitating ease of business. On similar lines, the ministry has decided to push the draft Environment Impact Assessment notification, 2020 during the lockdown period.

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150 from M'luru sent out of Kerala centres

GEORGE POIKAYIL @Kasaragod

IN the tussle between the district administrations of Dakshina Kannada and Kasaragod, 150 Mangaloreans, including 12 pregnant women, had a harrowing time when they were evicted from lodges in Kasaragod and sent to Mangaluru in the middle of the night.

"If IAS officers don't have humanity, what is the use of the IAS tag. Officers in the two states should learn to speak to one another and solve people's problems," said U T Khader, four-time MLA of Mangaluru.

On Saturday, the 150 passengers arrived from Dubai in a chartered flight arranged by the Karnataka Cultural Foundation, an organisation affiliated to the Sunni group led by Kanthapuram A P Aboobacker Musliyar. "The flight landed in Kannur airport after it was denied permission to land in Mangaluru," Khader said. But Karnataka's nodal officer for stranded persons outside India C N Meena Nagaraj, an IAS officer, called up Kerala officials and questioned why the flight was allowed to land in Kannur, Khader said.

'Terrorists may infiltrate via Nepal border'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @Patna

THE Special Branch of Bihar Police has sounded an alert that several Taliban and Jaish-e-Mohammed terrorists, trained by Pakistan's ISI, could infiltrate into India through the Indo-Nepal border in the next two weeks.

The Superintendent of Police in the North Bihar districts claimed that 20-25 trained cadres of JeM and Taliban may to enter the country through the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir, while another five to six terrorists owing allegiance to the terror groups may attempt to infiltrate through porous Indo-Nepal border.

Sounding alert, the Special Branch issued a letter, dated June 22, to the IGs, DIGs and SPs of the districts which share borders with Nepal. The letter mentioned that the terrorists have been "tasked" to target senior political leaders.

SSB Patna frontier IG Sanjay Kumar, however, said no as such alert had been received by his department.

IN TROUBLED WATERS

Children collect drinking water from a hand pump in a flooded locality of Mayong in Assam's Morigaon district on Monday. Four more people died in the state in the first wave of flood which has affected over 13.16 lakh people. The death toll is now 24 | PTI

BJP may offer JD(U) two cabinet berths

THE BJP is likely to extend an invitation to the NDA-ally JD(U) to join the council of the ministers headed by PM Narendra Modi with an eye on the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. The BJP may offer two berths in the council of ministers even while the JD(U) could be staking claims on three, sources said.

The NDA is bracing up for the Bihar Assembly elections, which may take place during October-November. While the NDA-ally LJP is part of the council of ministers, the JD(U) had backed out from joining the Union government at the last moment.

"The JD(U) had reasoned that the party having won 16 Lok Sabha seats could not have been equated with other allies who were given one Cabinet berth despite having single-digit members in the Lower House. In the next expansion of the council of ministers, the BJP will be in a position to accommodate the aspirations of the JD(U)," a source said.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah is expected to reach out to the Bihar CM Nitish Kumar. The two leaders also have to hammer out the seat adjustments among the NDA allies in the state. *ENS*

Online poster competition against drug abuse

Students exhibited their creativity via an online poster making competition to spread the message against drug abuse. The event was organised by St Xavier's College of Management and Technology (SXCMT) in Patna on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Alok Mohit, the editor of college e-magazine, informed that Father Martin Poras, Father Robert Athickal, and Sister Cynthia Matthew judged the artwork.

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NSS volunteers provide psycho-social support

In a first for Bihar, volunteers of the National Service Scheme (NSS) are now providing psycho-social support to people battling the Covid-19 pandemic. The Bihar State Health Society (BSHS) has involved around 1,000 NSS volunteers for this purpose. These volunteers attended an orientation programme on "psycho-social support and prevention of stigma and discrimination against the Covid-19 pandemic" recently. These volunteers are from various educational institutions including Patna University, IIT, NIT, and BIT, said BSHS executive director Manoj Kumar. He said the NSS director talked to these students via zoom during the orientation programme. "These volunteers are educating the people so those testing positive or quarantined for safety don't face any stigma," Kumar said.

Programme against child labour

The Railway Protection Force of East Central Railway has joined hands with UNICEF to help and protect child labourers. RPF personnel underwent a 5-day training programme by the UN agency on legal and social aspects of child labour, trafficking and abuse. These RPF cops would work not only to rescue the child labourers but also protect their rights, said IG S Mayank. He said 2,536 boys, 580 girls and 97 women have been rescued by RPF across the ECR jurisdiction from 2017 to May 2020. He said 91 boys and 32 girls were rescued from railway areas in five months.

Drumstick farmers to get govt grant

The farmers engaged in drumstick cultivation in Bihar will now get a financial grant from the state agriculture department. The Covid-19 pandemic has increased the demand for nutritious and immunity strengthening vegetables like drumsticks, better known as "Sahajan" locally. Agriculture Minister Prem Kumar said drumsticks help boost immunity and are high in nutrition with around 300 vitamins and minerals. "The government has approved ₹3.53 crore for to the farmers cultivating drumsticks under the scheme", the minister said, adding that farmers in 17 districts are engaged in drumstick farming.

5.02 lakh

Covid-19-related deaths recorded globally as of Monday: John Hopkins University's virus tracker

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	33	21	LC	Los Angeles	24	15	SNY
Colombo	32	26	TDS	Melbourne	14	9	LR
Doha	41	27	SNY	Moscow	21	11	LR
Dubai	37	27	SNY	New York	28	21	LC
Houston	33	22	TDS	Singapore	30	25	TDS
Istanbul	25	19	TDS	Toronto	26	16	TDS
London	28	16	SNY	Washington DC	33	25	TDS

Security personnel examine the bodies of militants outside the Stock Exchange Building in Karachi | AP

Attack on Pakistan Stock Exchange leaves 7 dead

Baloch group claims responsibility; security forces kill all attackers

KARACHI

FOUR heavily armed militants, believed to be from a banned Baloch terror group, on Monday made a brazen attempt to take over the Pakistan Stock Exchange building here, killing four security guards and a cop before being shot dead by security forces.

The militants, who arrived in a car, opened indiscriminate fire and lobbed grenades at the main gate of the building situated in the city's high-security commercial hub as they tried to storm it.

They tried to enter into the compound leading to the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) building through a parking lot but security forces foiled their attack within the compound itself, Deputy Superintendent of Police (South) Jamil Ahmed said.

Director General Rangers Sindh Major-General Omer Ahmed Bokhari, addressing a press conference in Karachi, said the attackers intended to not only enter the building but also carry out violence and hold people hostage.

Four security guards, a police sub-inspector and two civilians were killed in the heavy exchange of fire at the PSX compound on Karachi's I.I. Chundrigar Road, also known as Pakistan's Wall Street, police said.

Bokhari said: "The PSX is an important symbol of economic activity hence the objective of these militants was to increase casualties here and hold hostages."

"It was an attempt to send a message to the world that Pakistan is not safe. They wanted to damage Pakistan's economic activity and harm investors' confidence," DG Rangers said.

The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) linked Majeed Brigade claimed responsibility for the attack. The group is banned in Pakistan, the UK and the US.

No pause in trading

PSX Managing Director Farrukh Khan said that the "number of people in the compound was lower than normal today as many people are still staying home due to the COVID-19". He said trading continued without interruption.

Sindh's Inspector-General of Police Mushtaq Mahar said that the bodies of the attackers have been sent for forensics.

"None of them managed to even get close to the main building. All four were killed at the entrance of the compound which leads to the PSX," he said.

Sindh Police surgeon Dr Qarar Ahmed Abbasi confirmed that seven bodies and seven injured, including policemen, have been brought to Karachi's Civil Hospital. The attackers were reportedly wearing clothes usually worn by police officials. *PTI*

Top US court strikes down law limiting abortions

WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court struck down a Louisiana law restricting access to abortion Monday in a key victory for abortion rights activists.

The conservative-leaning court split 5-4 in the decision overruling a state law that requires doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital.

The Louisiana law "would drastically reduce the number and geographic distribution of abortion providers, making it impossible for many women to obtain a safe, legal abortion in the state," the ruling said.

Right-leaning Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the court's four progressives, frustrating abortion opponents who had hoped that President Donald Trump's appointment of two conservative justices had tilted the high court firmly in their direction. But Roberts said his decision to join with the progressives was strictly on institutional grounds, and not because he believed the Louisiana law unconstitutionally restricted access to abortion.

Instead, Roberts said that he was not prepared to reverse the precedent of the court's 2016 decision -- made before Trump's justices arrived -- rejecting an identical Texas law.

In a view that could encourage conservatives to continue to fight for a clear Supreme Court decision against abortion, Roberts said he continues to believe that the Texas case was wrongly decided. However, he said, "The legal doctrine of stare decisis requires us, absent special circumstances, to treat like cases alike." *AFP*

China sterilises Uighurs in campaign to curb 'Muslim population'

BEIJING

THE Chinese government is taking draconian measures to slash birth rates among Uighurs and other minorities as part of a sweeping campaign to curb its Muslim population, even as it encourages some of the country's Han majority to have more children.

While individual women have spoken out before about forced birth control, the practice is far more widespread and systematic than previously known, according to an AP investigation based on government statistics, state documents and interviews with 30 ex-detainees, family members and a former detention camp instructor. The campaign over the past four years in the far west region of Xinjiang is leading to what some experts are calling a form of "demographic genocide."

The state regularly subjects minority women to pregnancy checks, and forces intrauterine devices, sterilization and even abortion on hundreds of thousands, the interviews and data show. Even while the use of IUDs and sterilization has fallen nationwide, it is rising sharply in Xinjiang.

The population control measures are backed by mass detention both as a threat and as a punishment. Having too many children is a major reason people are sent to detention camps. *AP*

Iran's arrest warrant for Trump rejected by Interpol

WASHINGTON

Iran has issued an arrest warrant and asked Interpol for help in detaining President Donald Trump and dozens of others it believes carried out the U.S. drone strike that killed a top Iranian general in Baghdad, a local prosecutor said.

Interpol later said it wouldn't consider Iran's request, meaning Trump faces no danger of arrest. However, the charges underscore the heightened tensions between Iran and the United States since Trump unilaterally withdrew America from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers.

Tehran prosecutor Ali Alqasimehr said Trump and 35 others whom Iran accuses of involvement in the Jan. 3 strike that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani in Baghdad face "murder and terrorism charges," the state-run *IRNA* reported.

Alqasimehr did not identify anyone else sought other than Trump, but stressed that Iran would continue to pursue his prosecution even after his presidency ends.

Alqasimehr also was quoted as saying that Iran requested a "red notice" be put out for Trump and the others, which represents the highest-level arrest request issued by Interpol. Local authorities generally make the arrests on behalf of the country that requests it. The notices cannot force countries to arrest or extradite suspects, but can put government leaders on the spot and limit suspects' travel.

After receiving a request, Interpol meets by committee and discusses whether or not to share the information with its member states. *AP*

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

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The undersigned as Authorized Officer of State Bank of India has taken possession of the following properties under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act. Public at large are informed that e-auction (under SARFAESI Act, 2002) of the charged properties in the below mentioned case for realization of Bank's dues will be held on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS** and **AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** And on the terms and conditions specified hereunder.

Name & Address of the Borrower	1.Geetha W/o Gangaiah K, Jalamangala Village, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159. 2.Gangaiah s/o Late Kalaiah Jalamangala Village, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159. 3.Divya w/o Ramakrishnaiah Jalamangala Village,Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159. 4.Satish Kumar s/o Late Kalaiah Jalamangala Village, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159.
Name and Address of the Guarantor/ Co Borrower	
Outstanding Dues for recovery of which property is being sold	Rs. 12,75,865/- (Rupees: Twelve Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Five Only) as on 28.10.2019and interest, charges and expenses thereon
Demand Notice Date	17.05.2019
Possession Notice Date	05.11.2019
Name of the Title Deed Holder	Smt. Geetha w/o Gangaiah K
Description of property: 1)All that pice and parcel of the Property bearing Situated at EM of Kaneshumari No.178/B/186, Measuring EW-57 ft, and NS-14 ft. Situated at Jalamangala Village, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159. Bounded on, East: Property of Applicant Geetha, West: Property of Narayanappa and Srinivas North:Property of Kenchappa, South:Govt. Road. 2) All the Piece and parcel of the Property No.Old180, New No.188, Measuring EW-59 ft. and NS-16 ft Situated at Jalamangala Village, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159. Bounded on East:Govt. Kaluve, Wet: Raja Beedhi, North: Property of Ningamma, South: Property of Thimmaiah S/o Moodalagiraiah 3) All the Piece and parcel of the Property No.Old No.180, New No.189, Measuring EW-65 ft.NS-12 ft. Situated at Jalamangala Village, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk & Dist-562159. Bounded on, East: Govt.Kaluve, West: Raja Beedhi, North:Property of Ningamma, South:Property of Applicant Geetha.	
Date and Time of e-Auction	Date: 29.07.2020 Time: 60 Minutes from 11.00 AM to 12.00 Noon with unlimited extension of five minutes each
Reserve Price	Rs. 23,44,000.00(Rupees:Twenty Three Lakh Forty Four Thouand Rupees Only)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	10% of the Reserve Price i.e. Rs. 2,34,400.00(Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Four Thousand Four Hundred Rupees Only)
EMD Remittance	Deposit through **NEFT/NEFT/RTFS**. Transfer in favour of "State Bank of India **Jalamangala Branch, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District** Collection Account" to the credit of **A/c No: 37608322776** with State Bank of India, **Jalamangala Branch, Kootgal Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk and District Code:40390 IFSC Code: SBIN0040390**
Bid Increment Amount	Rs.10,000/-
Last Date & Time for submission of request letter of participation /KYC Documents /Proof of EMD etc :	On or before 27.07.2020, 4.00 PM

Terms and Conditions of the E-auction are as under:

1. E-Auction is being held on **"AS IS WHERE IS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS"** BASIS and will be conducted "Online". The auction will be conducted through the Bank's approved service provider M/s C1 India Private Limited, Noida at the web portal **(http: www.bankeauctions.com).** E-Auction Tender Document containing online e-auction bid form, Declaration, General Terms and Conditions of online auction sale are available in **www.bankeauctions.com, www.sbi.co.in and www.tenders.gov.in**
2. To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer, there is no encumbrance on the properties. However, intending bidders should make their own independent enquiries regarding the encumbrances, title of properties put on auction and claims/rights/dues affecting the properties, prior to submitting their bids. The Authorized Officer has taken symbolic possession of the property on **05.11.2019** the e-Auction advertisement does not constitute and will not be deemed to constitute any commitment or any representation of the bank. The property is being sold with all the existing and future encumbrances whether known or unknown to the Bank. The Authorized Officer/ Secured Creditor shall not be responsible in any way for any third party claims/rights/dues.
3. The bidders are required to deposit EMD amount through **NEFT/RTGS/BC/DD** payable at **Jalamangala** & drawn in favoring **SBI, Jalamangala Branch, Ramanagara District in the A/c No: 37608322776** Name of the Account **State Bank of India, Jalamangala Branch, Ramanagara District** Collection Account" with State Bank of India, **Jalamangala Branch, Ramanagara District. IFSC Code No. SBIN0040390.**
4. The bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and valid E-mail ID and E-mail ID is absolutely necessary for the intending bidder as all the relevant information and allotment of ID and password by M/s. C1 Indian Pvt. Ltd may be conveyed through e-mail. In Case of joint bidders an authorization letter signed by all the bidders, authorizing actual bidders (within one among them who is holding an digital signature) to submit and participate in the bid on their behalf should be attached to the bid form and similarly in case the bidder is a Company a copy of the Resolution passed by the Board of Directors authorizing the actual bidder who is holding valid digital signature to participate in the bid on their behalf should be attached.
The bidders should submit the evidence for EMD deposit like UTR number along with Bid forms, self-attested copies of (i) Proof of Identification(KYC) i.e. Voter ID Card/Driving License/Passport etc., (ii) Current Address-Proof for communication, (iii) PAN Card of the bidder, (iv) valid e-mail ID, (v) contact number (Mobile/landline) of the bidder etc. to the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, **Jalamangala Branch, Ramangara District** Branch by **27.07.2020 on or before 4.00 P.M.**
5. Names of the eligible bidders will be identified by the State Bank of India, **Jalamangala** Branch, to participate in online e-auction on the portal www.bankeauctions.com. M/s C1 India Private Limited will provide User ID and Password after due verification of PAN of the Eligible Bidders.
6. It shall be the responsibility of the interested bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the properties before submission of the bid.
7. The e-Auction/bidding of above properties would be conducted exactly on the scheduled date and time by way of inter-se bidding amongst the bidders. The bidder shall improve their offer in multiple of the amount mentioned under the column "Bid Increment Amount". In case bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time of the e-Auction, the closing time will automatically get extended for 5 minutes. The bidder who submits the highest bid amount (not below the Reserve Price) on closure of e-Auction process shall be declared as successful bidder and a communication to that effect will be issued through electronic mode which shall be subject to approval by the Authorized Officer/Secured Creditor.
8. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) of the successful bidder shall be retained towards part sale consideration and the EMD of unsuccessful bidders shall be refunded. The Earnest Money Deposit shall not bear any interest. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% of the sale price immediately on acceptance of bid price by the Authorized Officer and the balance of the sale price on or before 15th day of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing and solely at the discretion of the Authorized Officer. Default in deposit of amount by the successful bidder would entail forfeiture of the whole money, already deposited and such property shall be put to re-auction and the defaulting bidder shall have no claim/right in respect of such property/amount.
9. The qualified bidders may avail online training on e-Auction from M/s C1 India Private Limited prior to the date of e-Auction. Neither the Authorized Officer/Bank nor M/s C1 India Private Limited shall be held responsible for any Internet Network problem/Power failure/any other technical lapses/failure etc. In order to ward-off such contingent situation, interested bidders are requested to ensure that they are technically well equipped with adequate power back-up etc. for successfully participating in the e-Auction event.
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12. The Sale Certificates will be issued in the name of the purchaser(s)/applicant(s) only and will not be issued in any other name.
13. The sale shall be subject to rules/conditions prescribed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.
14. For further details regarding inspection of immovable properties the intending bidders may contact the **Branch Manager, Jalamangala Branch, Ramanagara District** during office hours, Phone No.**9844829224** or Bank's approved Resolution Agent, Nagarjuna Enterprises **8660508123** and also may contact the Bank's approved service provider M/s. C1 India Pvt. Ltd. C-104, Sector-2, Noida-201301(UP),HelplineNo.+91-120-4888888, +91-9900711744, Helpline e-mail ID: support@bankeauctions.com, for any information on procedure of e-auction.

Date: 25-06-2020 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Ramanagara **State Bank of India, RBO-01, AO-2, Mysore**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder from its owner Shri. M.S Arunachala son of late. M.N Sreekantaiah, residing at No. 387, Farm House, Papareddypalya, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bangalore -560072 and has entered in to the agreement of sale dated 24-06-2020. The owner represents that apart from him, there are no other person/s having any right or claim over the Schedule Property and he has neither mortgaged nor encumbered the Schedule Property or part thereof in any manner nor has entered into any agreement of Sale/Development Agreement/ Memorandum of Understanding etc., with any other person/s. Any person/s having objection/s or claim/s may with documentary evidence lodge their objection/s claim/s within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing site No. 424/24/25/01 (Old No. 438/24/25), House list No. 1732/1, BBMP Khata No.900, Old No. 1632 in assessment No. 24/25, situated at Mallathahalli Village Gramathana, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.129, Yeshawanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 50 feet & North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2000 square feet & is bounded on the:

East by : Previously Ramaiah's property and presently M.S Arunachala's property
West by : Road
North by : Siddappa's property
South by : Private Property

CHANDRA NAIK .T, Advocate
M/s.T Chandra Naik& Associates
No. 38, Prithvi Building
K. G Road, Bangalore – 560 009.
Date: 29-06-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. A.N. MAHAVEER,** S/o. Sri.A. R.Nirmal Kumar, r/at No. 274, Meghana Nivas, 3rd Stage, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari nagar, Bengaluru-560098. Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned **within 7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement to sell considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PART AND PARCEL of the residential property bearing **new municipal No. 16,** (old No. 55), previously having No. 36/94, and earlier No.16 and 95/1, **situated at Chikkallasandra Village, Uttarahalli hobli, Bengaluru south taluk, Bengaluru,** and presently **municipal No. 16, 18th Main, Revenue Layout, Padmanabhanagar South, Benga -luru** and measuring **E**ast to **W**est (37' 9" + 37'.3")/2 and **N**orth to **S**outh (67'+ 71') /2, Totally measuring 2594 sq. ft together with all appurtenants whatsoever underneath or above the surface, And BOUNDED ON:

EAST by : Plot No. 16A,
WEST by:30 feet Public Road,
NORTH by: Netkallappa Property,
SOUTH by:30 feet Public Road,

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR- Advocate
No.48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross,Opp:Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560 061.

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No. A1 M1 B3/SCCL-ARR-CTA/RTPS/JUNE 2020 Dated: 29.06.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(Two tender document system) (Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

NAME OF WORK: Appointment of Coal Transportation Agency for Transportation of Coal Supplies from Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. (SCCL) loading point/s to RTPS by All Rail Route. Tenders are invited from reputed companies/persons for transportation of coal supplies from various loading point/s of SCCL & having adequate knowledge & experience for **Movement, Handling & Delivery of approximately 30.10 lakh MTs of coal per annum under Fuel Supply Agreement (FSA) by All Rail Route to RTPS including the works of Liaisoning, Supervision & Monitoring of Quality and Quantity from SCCL Loading Point/s for a period of two years.** The last date for receipt of the completed bids: **28.08.2020, 17.00 Hrs.** The tender document can be downloaded from the website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the **Superintending Engineer (Mines),** KPCL, No. 82, Shakti Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. Telefax: 080-22203894. **E-mail: cefuelskpcl@karnataka.gov.in Website: www.karnatakapower.com e-portal Helpdesk/HP Helpdesk: +91 80 46010000, +91 80 22631200.**

North Eastern Karnataka Road Transport Corporation
Ballari Division, Ballari

No. NEKT:BLR:TR:COMM:316:2020-21 Date: 29-6-2020

E-Quotation Notification No : 09/2020
(Through E-procurement)

N.E.K.R.T.C, BALLARI has called for application through e-procurement from 29-6-2020 for selecting licensee (contract) to maintain of "**South Side Newly Started Toilets and Urinals only**" at "**Ballari City Bus Terminal**". Interested Bidder/Contractor/Single Agency or Individual License Holder can run by collecting money. For more information visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** E-Quotation will be opened on 21-07-2020 after 12:00 noon. **EMD Amount Rs. 1,00,000/- to be submitted through E-Portal only (DD/cash will not be accepted for EMD amount).** Application Fee/GST of Rs. 590/- should be submitted through DD with in **20-7-2020 at 17:00 hrs** at Traffic Section, Divisional Office, NEKRTC, Ballari Division. For more details Contact Divisional Traffic Officer (77609 92152) or e-protal.

Sd/-
Divisonal Controller, NEKRTC, Ballari Division, Ballari.

DIPR/BALLARI/SHIRDI SAI/07/2020-21

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, NATIONAL HIGHWAYS DIVISION,GUMLA
(Employment Exchange Building)

E-Procurement Notice

Tender Reference No.: NH/Gumla/ 2020-21/ 02 Dated: 12.06.2020

1.	Name of the work	Construction of Bridge in KM 154/3 of NH-23 Under NH Division Gumla for the year 2019-20 .
2.	Estimated Cost (Rs.)	Rs. 1,68,70,756.25 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Eight Lakh Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six & Paise Twenty Five) Only.
3.	Time of Completion	12 (Twelve) Months
4	Last Date /Time for Receipt of Bids	13.07.2020 up to 12.00 Hours
5	Date of Publication of Tender on website	22.06.2020 from 17.00 Hours.
6.	Name & address of office Inviting tender	Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Gumla.
7.	Contact no.of Procurement officer	06524-222117
8.	Helpline number of e-Procurement cell (NH Wing, Jharkhand)	0651-2402014

Further details can be seen on web portal *https://eprocure.gov.in*

PR 230109 (Road)20-21#D

Executive Engineer, National Highways Division, Gumla.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client have negotiated with the owners **Mrs. R. Shanthi**, Wife of Mr. V.Kanickaraj, and **Mr. Kanickaraj**, Son of Late Vedhmanickama, both residing at No.26, Aruputham Nilayam, 4th Main, Lottegollahalli, behind New Railway Colony, RMV 2nd Stage, Bangalore 560 094, for the purchase of Immovable Property being a Vacant **BDA Site No.982/A,** formed by the Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 3rd Block, Arkavathy Layout, formed in Survey No.32/1 and 32/2 of Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West – 12.00 Meters and North to South – 18.00 Meters, bounded on the **East by** Site No.982/B; **West by** Site No.982; **North by** Site No.937/A; and **South by** Road, totally measuring 216 Sq.Mtrs.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title or interest/claims or intending to oppose the said purchase in any manner may file their objections to the undersigned within **Ten Days** from the date of publication of this notice hereof with documentary proof where after no such claims will be entertained and my clients will proceed with the purchase of the said property.

(SYED TANVEER AHMED)
Advocate, No.14, Wellington Street, Richmond Town, Bangalore - 560 025.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby informed that, my client Sri Rushyashrunga Shastri S/o Late Venkatesha Shastri, aged about 59 years, residing at Thirumagondanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, has filed the Original Suit before the Hon'ble Senior Civil Judge at Anekal, in O.S. No. 724/2017 against the one B.V. Rajanna S/o late Venkatesha Shastri, aged about 80 years, R/at Attibele village, behind Swamy Temple, Kotte Beedhi, Anekal Taluk and B.V. Lakshminarayana Shastri S/o late. Venkatesha Shastri, aged about 64 years, R/at No.49, 3rd Cross, Ejipura Main Road, Viveknagar, Bengaluru for the relief of partition and separate Possession of below Schedule Properties. In the above suit the defendant No. 1 namely B.V. Rajanna S/o late. Venkatesha Shastri has appeared and filed his written statement and also on 4.11.2019 his advocate under took that he will not create any third party right and interest over the schedule properties till disposal of the suit, now my client has learnt that some prospective buyers are visited the schedule properties and the said B.V.Rajanna and B.V. Lakshminarayana Shastri are making hectic efforts to sell the suit schedule properties. In this regard my client published this notice to inform the public are warned not to deal with the schedule properties in any manner, Hence this public Notice. In spite of it, if anybody entered into any transaction either to purchase/agreement to sell/ or what-so-ever may be in respect of the suit/ schedule properties, they will be held responsible for their own act and my client is not responsible for any losses or whatever may be incurred, besides, he will also be prosecuted in a competent court of law.

SCHEDULE

1. All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing Sy No 50, measuring 3 Acres, 11 Guntas of land, situated at Thirumagondanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District and bounded as follows:

East by : Adisonati Road and Sri Chillathyappas son property,
West by : Property of Muniyellappas and late Muniswamy son,
North by : Property of Muniyellappas son,
South by : Property of Muniyellappas son,

2. All that piece and parcel of Agricultural land bearing Sy No 90/1, measuring 1 Acre, 29 Guntas of land, situated at Thirumagondanahalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bengaluru District and bounded as follows:

East by : Adisonnahatti Road.
West by : land belongs to Doddabodappa sons,
North by : National Highway (N.H-7)
South by : Thirumagondahalli Boundary.

H.P. LEELADHAR, Advocate
No.4, 2nd Floor, Vishwakarma Krupa, P.C.Road, Bangalore-560053.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹103.5

Target Price ₹155

GAIL: Due to the COVID-19 led lockdowns, there might be some delays in gas off-takes from the Ramagundam (~2mmscmd) and Matix (~2.25mmscmd) fertilizer plants. However, we believe the commencement of fertilizer plants would support volume growth. Transmission segment to remain a major contributor to EBIDTA and we expect EBIDTA CAGR of ~10% over FY20-22E.

– Motilal Oswal Securities Limited

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EXPRESS READ

SMALL FIRMS

BANKS SHOULD PRIORITISE GIVING LOANS TO NON-ELIGIBLE MSMES

New Delhi: Nearly a fifth of the 45 lakh small businesses identified by the government to benefit from a credit guarantee scheme have low credit rankings, and banks should prioritise the remaining 80 per cent while extending loans under the `3 lakh crore package, a study by Transunion Cibil said on Monday. The Guaranteed Emergency Credit Line (GECL) facility is applicable to all MSME borrowers with industry-wide aggregate credit exposure of up to `25 crore and industry-wide delinquency less than or equal to 60 days as of February 29, 2020. As per the government, there are 45 lakh eligible MSMEs for the scheme.

AUTOMOBILES

TRACTOR SALES LIKELY TO BE TAD LOWER THIS FISCAL: CRISIL

New Delhi:Tractor sales are expected to be slightly lower in 2020-21 as compared to the previous year level due to a well-distributed normal monsoon, rating agency Crisil said. Around 7 lakh tractors were sold in the domestic market in 2019-20. The Indian Meteorological Department has forecast the south-west monsoon to be at 102 per cent of the long period average (LPA) in 2020 with rains likely to be well-distributed at 96-107 per cent of the LPA in all the four regions. "Despite a 37 per cent year-on-year decline in April and May combined, tractor volume will likely be barely one per cent below last fiscal's'level," it said.

DINE-IN

STARBUCKS TO RESUME DINE-IN SERVICES IN SEVEN CITIES

New Delhi: Tata Starbucks on Monday said the company will resume dine-in services in seven cities across India, with elevated cleaning and sanitising protocols. Stores will operate with 50 per cent seating capacity to allow for social distancing between customers and employees, said Tata Starbucks in a statement. The selected Starbucks stores are in Delhi, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Surat and Vadodara. "As we navigate through the crisis, we are transforming the in-store Starbucks Experience to new public health guidelines and evolving customer behaviours," Tata Starbucks CEO Navin Gurnaney said.

MARKET WATCH

MARKET
209.75 ▼ Sensex 34,961.52 | 70.60 ▼ Nifty 10,312.4

GOLD
₹142 ▼ 24 carat (1 gm) ₹4,813.7 | ₹57 ▼ 22 carat (1 gm) ₹4,794.4

SILVER
₹865 ▼ Per kg ₹47,585 | ₹0.86 ▼ Per gm ₹47.58

FOREX
▼ Dollar 75.65 ▼ Euro 85.70

Centre allows export of PPE kits, caps limit

Domestic producers are now permitted to export up to 50 lakh units every month

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE central government Monday has lifted the ban on exports of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) medical coveralls, but with a restriction to export only up to 50 lakh pieces per month.

As the export of PPE kits remains under the 'restricted' category, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade said exporters would have to seek a licence from the government for shipments.

According to a notification from the Ministry of Commerce, a company applying for permission to export should also have the necessary registration certificates from the concerned authority. The move comes is in response to demands made by local producers who had assured the government of surplus capacities. From zero production of PPEs early March, the country now produces more than 8 lakh pieces per day — the world's second largest producing country.

Earlier in January, the government had banned exports of PPE kits and other medical coveralls including N-95 masks, keeping in view the short supply of kits.

Apparel makers have welcomed the move stating that export opportunities will prevent many firms from shutting down and will also open the entire global market for India at a time when other countries are struggling to supply PPE kits due to the global pandemic. "India is in competition with countries like Bangladesh, Indonesia and Pakistan, as they have lifted the ban on PPE exports and are receiving huge orders from large buyers in the US and Europe," said Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC) Chairman A Sakthivel. AEPC estimates the size of the global market for PPEs will be more than $60 billion over the next five years. However, exports of N-95 masks, too, should be allowed, he added.

> The move opens the entire global market for our domestic players who were fast enough to seize this opportunity of producing and supplying PPE kits as the world struggles to control the pandemic
>
> A Sakthivel, chairman, AEPC

Currently, all other items that are part of PPE kits remain prohibited which include medical goggles, all masks other than non-medical/non surgical (cotton, silk, wool, polyester, nylon rayon, woven or blended); nitrile gloves and face shield.

States' GDP may dwindle by up to 14.3% in FY21

IN A GIST

1.4 % GSDP of all states in India to contract in this fiscal

14.3% The maximum fall in GSDP estimated by Ind-Ra for FY21

57-64% Budgeted share of states' own tax revenue in total revenue of the most vulnerable states in FY21

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Hyderabad

THE gross state domestic product (GSDP) or GDP of states may contract by up to 14.3 per cent this financial year due to the impact of Covid-19-induced lockdown, according to a report by India Ratings. It added that states like Assam, Goa, Gujarat and Sikkim may even see a double-digit decline. The top five states most impacted include Karnataka, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Odisha, while Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are five states with the least impact of lockdown.

"We expect the GSDP of all states in India to contract in FY21. The contraction will be in the range of 1.4 -14.3 per cent," it noted. As states' own tax revenue (SOTR) is a function of the nominal GSDP, those states with higher share of SOTR in total revenue are expected to see a higher deviation in their nominal GSDP from the budgeted GSDP.

"The most vulnerable states in this respect are Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana and Haryana," Ind-Ra explained.

The share of SOTR in total revenue of these states has been budgeted in the range of 57-64 per cent in FY21, while their nominal GSDP is expected to deviate from the budgeted numbers.

Meanwhile, the impact of the lockdown on sectors namely agriculture, industry and services is likely to vary. "Since agricultural activities were less impacted, the states having a higher share of agriculture are expected to have suffered less compared to the one where the share of agriculture is low," the report stated.

Some sub-sectors within the services sector like banking and financial services, IT services were less impacted, as they were able to readjust operations remotely. Subsequently, states with sizeable share of services are expected to have suffered less during the lockdown compared to those with a lesser share.

For instance, in states like Harayan and Punjab, the proportion of agriculture in gross value added stood at 14.6 and 25 per cent respectively in FY19, while the proportion of industry and services stood at 31.1 and 54.3 per cent respectively in Haryana and 25.2 and 49.8 per cent for Punjab. "This means the overall growth performance of Haryana is more susceptible to the performance of the industrial and services sectors. Our estimate suggests that the proportion of Haryana economy that became dysfunctional during the lockdown is 64.3 per cent, higher than 47.9 per cent of Punjab," it said.

> The top states most impacted due to the lockdown include Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Odisha, while Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Andhra Pradesh are some of the least impacted states...
>
> India Ratings & Research

REALTY STOCKS

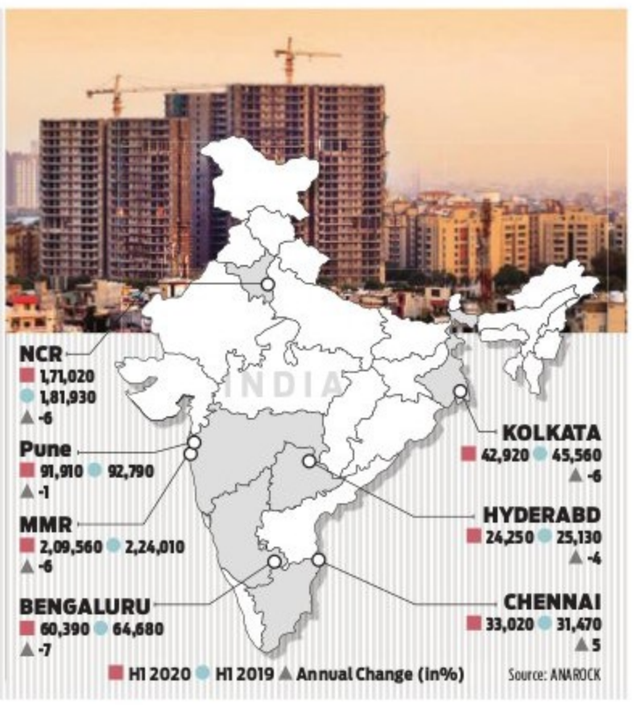
As sales of real estate properties continued to exceed new launches across top 7 cities, unsold inventory during the January-June period of this year registered a marginal decline of 5%, as compared to the same period a year ago. Here's a look at the city-wise trend:

H1 2020: 6,33,070 Units

H1 2019: 6,65,570 Units

ANNUAL CHANGE (-)4.88 %

Sales exceeded new launches in the first half of 2020 but still fell 49%.



Auto, pharma sectors seek immediate clearance of imports

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

CONCERNED over supply constraint of finished goods such as automobile, smartphones and pharaceuticals in the domestic market, several industry bodies have asked the government to release the supplies stuck at airports and ports on an immediate basis

Following the deadly clash of Indian and Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley and a wide call to boycott Chinese goods, import consignments from China are being subjected to a hundred per cent manual inspection resulting in delays in clearance.

"Members are concerned that if there is a delay, it will hamper production. India's auto industry in dependent on China for crucial parts and a delay at this point of time will impact the sector which is showing early signs of recovery," Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India (ACMA) Director General Vinnie Mehta told *TNIE*.

Parts worth $4.75 billion is imported for China which accounts for four per cent of the total auto industry turnover, Mehta said. "A few critical items imported from China are yet to be manufactured locally. Until a feasible alternative is found, the existing supply chain should not be disturbed," he added.

Rajan Wadhera, president, SIAM, said that inordinate delays in clearance due to congestions at port could eventually impact manufacturing of vehicles in India. "The industry is piecing itself together as growth is limping back; any further disruption at this juncture is best avoided," Wadhera said.

Similarly, the Pharmaceutical Export Promotion Council of India (Pharmexcil) in a letter to government said that members are facing acute disruption in manufacturing of pharmaceutical products over the last three days. According to the letter, critical devices such as 'infrared thermometers' and 'pulse oximeters' which are specifically aimed at Covid-19 diagnosis as also 'glucometers' and 'strips' are also held up at airports.

Last week, inudustry body Industry association India Cellular and Electronics Association had also written to the government saying the move to check every assignment will lead to millions of dollars of losses and spook the large foreign investors.

STRICT SCRUTINY

- Delay in clearances of goods was adding to the crisis for auto industry
- China-origin consignment are stuck at Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai airports

DIGITAL

SAP launches program to equip MSMEs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

ENTERPRISE software firm, SAP India on Monday launched the Global Bharat initiative for Indian MSMEs by providing them access to global marketplace, digital skilling for the workforce and transforming business processes. SAP has partnered with IT apex body, Nasscom, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)and Pratham InfoTech Foundation for a three-pronged initiative.

The global firm said that its efforts are in line with various measures announced by the government to revive the MSME sector which has been badly hit by the pandemic. SAP said that MSMEs will have a free access to its Ariba Discovery network until the end of the year. MSMEs can directly procure goods with nearly four million suppliers in the B2B marketplace with $3.3 trillion annual commerce. Besides, the MSMEs will be provided accessibility to 240 courses on Digital Financial, Soft Skills, Productivity Technologies. The IT firm said that it will offer cloud services at ₹3,999 per pack to five members of an enterprises.

"Global Bharat, is our endeavour to enable MSMEs to augment business and reaccess critical processes that overcome inefficiencies and make them globally competitive," said Deb Deep Sengupta, president and managing director, SAP Indian Subcontinent.

Weaning off from Chinese imports unlikely soon

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

Around 95 per cent of consumer electronics and appliances sold in India are produced locally, although dependence on China for components still ranges between 25-70 per cent which will be difficult to reduce overnight, according to industry body Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association (CEAMA).

It added that said even before the call to boycott Chinese products, various companies had already started to look for alternative sources due to disruptions of supplies following the coronavirus-led lockdown in China. "In air conditioner segment, for instance, around 30 per cent is still imported but this would have come down further had there been no lockdown as on streaming of new capacities which were being created got delayed, CEAMA President Kamal Nandi said.

Nandi, who is also Godrej Appliance Business Head and Executive Vice President, said, "more than 95 per cent of products, which we sell in the country is produced in the country and the same is the case with Godrej Appliances." However, the dependence on China for components is still there and it varies from 25 per cent to 70 per cent from category to category. The least is washing machines and the highest is for the air conditioners. he said. Stating that there are alternatives in India, he said "..it will take time and we anticipate that it will take two years to develop an entire ecosystem of components in India." Because of no supply from China during the country, the entire industry looked 1' policy from countries like Thailand and Vietnam as alternative destinations.

ZERO SOURCING OF CHINESE IMPORTS

As calls to boycott Chinese products gains momentum, kitchen appliances maker TTK Prestige, has decided to stop sourcing products from China completely by September this year. "Our last consignment will be arriving from China on September 30 and after that we will not place any fresh orders. We have decided to complete stop sourcing products from China," said chairman T T Jagannathan. He added that the company will be focusing on becoming self-reliant and will be strongly pushing the Atmanirbhar Bharat scheme by sourcing raw materials for its products locally. The company will also explore markets in countries like Vietnam and Turkey as alternatives to Chinese market.

RESULT CORNER

MRF Q4 net profit jumps over two-fold to ₹669 cr

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

TYRE maker MRF has posted a net profit of ₹669 crore, as compared with a net profit of ₹294 crore in the previous fiscal. Revenue from operations was lower at ₹3,615 crore (₹4,073 crore), it added.

For the full fiscal ended March 2020, the company reported a net profit of ₹1,395 crore, compared with a net profit of ₹1,097 crore in the previous fiscal. Revenue from operations grew marginally to ₹15,991 crore against ₹15,837 crore in FY19.

Exports reported higher revenue at ₹1,651 crore, against ₹1,566 crore in FY19. Profit before exceptional items and tax stood at ₹1,399 crore (₹1,609 crore).

The net provision for tax (current tax and deferred tax) for FY20 was ₹4 crore (₹512 crore in FY19) as the company elected to exercise the option permitted under Section 115BAA of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as introduced by the taxation laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

The Board has recommended a final dividend of ₹94 per share (940 per cent) for the year ended March 31.

Amazon India scraps single-use plastic in packaging

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

E-TAILING giant Amazon on Monday said that it has achieved a significant milestone by eliminating all single-use plastic in packaging originating from its over 50 fulfilment centers in India.

Last year in September, the e-commerce firm had pledged to meet the sustainability goal by June 2020, in an effort to build an environmentally sustainable supply chain. It had replaced plastic packaging material, such as bubble wraps and air pillows, with 'paper cushion' in its packaging. The company also introduced 100 per cent plastic-free and biodegradable paper tape earlier this year, which is used to seal and secure customer shipments. Additionally, the company has replaced thin cling films for customer deliveries among other material with packaging options that are not single-use plastic in nature.

All other plastic packaging material originating from the Amazon Fulfilment Centers is 100 per cent recyclable through available collection, segregation and recycling channels, the e-tailer said in a statement.

Amazon had previously carried out several pilot projects for developing innovative single-use plastic free solutions to guage the in-transit strength of its packaging.This also involved collaborating with the manufacturers to design sustainable packaging innovations to minimize waste in packaging. "The elimination of single use plastic in our packaging across our fulfilment centers marks an important milestone in our relentless journey towards building a sustainable supply chain. Our aim is to minimise environmental impact while elevating customer experience. While navigating through unprecedented challenges with the lockdown and pandemic in the last few months, we have continued to take progressive steps towards ensuring that we meet our commitment. We believe that moving towards sustainable practices is good for the planet, the customers and the business, and we will continue to invest and innovate on this front," said Prakash Kumar Dutta, director, customer fulfilment & supply chain, Amazon India said. Besides, the firm is expanding its India-first initiative, Packaging-Free Shipping to over 100 cities. Currently, more than 40 per cent of the orders are shipped from these centers.

FLIPKART CUTS PLASTIC PACKAGING BY HALF

Walmart-owned Flipkart has been able to reduce plastic packaging in its supply chain by 50 per cent. Flipkart has now started phasing out plastic packaging from its own supply chain in Maharashtra through usage of paper-based packaging starting May 1, it said in a statement.

Benzema's special assist helps Real Madrid go top

Real Madrid forward Karim Benzema came up with a brilliant back-heel assist to set up Casemiro, who scored the only goal of the game to beat Espanyol 1-0 at Cornella-El Prat stadium on Sunday. The Los Blancos have now moved two points ahead of Barcelona in the La Liga title race.

Bridge over troubled waters! Asian Games gold-winners busy online

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY
@Chennai

IF you thought all sportspersons, who represent India, are having a tough time locked down, here are the exceptions. For Pranab Bardhan and Shibnath Sarkar, and for many of their ilk, this break has come as a blessing in disguise in the sense that it is allowing them more time to do what they like — playing bridge.

Like chess, bridge can be played online. Even though tournaments conducted by Bridge Federation of India (BFI) and state associations have been cancelled due to the pandemic, players are organising events themselves. Called Bridge From Home, these competitions have been going on for nearly two months. Each leg sees the participation of about 400 players.

The Kolkata duo of Bardhan and Sarkar, gold winners in the men's pair event at the 2018 Asian Games where the sport was introduced as a medal event, are making most of this. Neither is working, so they are using the break to get familiar with the nuances of playing online. Also, they have been able to pay more attention to teaching bridge, which is a pastime as well as a source of income.

Pranab Bardhan (L) & Shibnath Sarkar

"Not just the two of us, the Indian bridge fraternity might have benefited, because a lot of players have learnt playing online during this break and brushed up their knowledge of the game," says Sarkar. "The popularity of bridge in India increased after 2018 and in the last few months, we found close to 1000 new players on various online platforms."

The summer nationals conducted by BFI was scheduled in May and got cancelled. Meets organised by state bodies were also called off. But the diehards refused to sit idle and started organising events using Google Meet and the portal Bridge Base Online. Although unofficial, these meets are attracting top players of the country.

Bardhan agrees with Sarkar that for those glued to bridge, this is not necessarily a bad break. "I spend three-four hours playing almost everyday. A tournament is going on, where me and my partner will be taking part (on Tuesday). Even now, I am watching an event online. Familiarity with this format will help players in the long run."

However, Bardhan also admits that the lockdown has affected the lives of those who depend on bridge for a living. "Classes I conduct are more or less unaffected, but there are many not as fortunate. The number of individuals making a living out of teaching bridge had risen in the last two years. Many are suffering due to the lockdown."

Nominated for Arjuna

Sarkar and Bardhan have been nominated for Arjuna award by BFI. No bridge player received it in the past because the game came to be considered for such awards only recently.

Who's that? It's Nitin

MP umpire acknowledges importance of dad's advice after becoming youngest on ICC Elite Panel

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

2006 was the year that changed former Madhya Pradesh cricketer Nitin Menon's life. Then 22, the right-handed batsman had made his List A debut a couple of years ago, but was dropped from the state team after indifferent outings.

At the time of crisis, Nitin sought advice from his father Narendra Menon, a former international umpire, who had officiated in four ODIs. Narendra asked him to take the state panel examination for umpires. Everything changed thereafter. In just one year, Nitin quit playing and started officiating in BCCI-conducted matches.

The 36-year-old's rise continues. On Monday he became the youngest member of the International Cricket Council's Elite Panel of Umpires replacing England's Nigel Llong for the 2020-21 season.

"2006 was a difficult period. I was disappointed but decided to take a chance after my father's advice. It was not easy as my teammates were progressing as players and a few of them even told me that I was giving up too early. But looking back, I feel I was right to switch to umpiring," Nitin told this newspaper.

NITIN MENON | **AGE:** 36 | **BIRTHPLACE:** INDORE

- Played 2 one-dayers for MP
- Replaces England's Nigel Llong

UMPIRING CAREER

- 3 Tests, 24 ODIs, 16 T20Is
- Third from India in Elite Panel after S Venkatraghavan and S Ravi

My priority was to play for the country rather than umpiring. But I quit playing at 22 and I became a senior umpire at the age of 23. It wasn't worth trying to play and umpire so I decided to focus on umpiring alone.... I've stood with most of the guys from the Elite Panel in IPL or international games, so I'll always have a rapport with them and I'm feeling comfortable to go.
—Nitin Menon

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought sporting activities to a halt, with the future still looking uncertain. Nitin, however, is hopeful of cricket commencing soon. "It's off season in India this time of the year. Globally, England are gearing up to host the West Indies and Pakistan. We, as part of the cricket fraternity, are hopeful these series will have a positive impact on resumption. With travel restrictions in place, I won't be able to officiate immediately but mentally I am ready to take the field whenever I am asked to."

Speaking on one advice given by his father when he took to umpiring, Nitin said, "He told me to concentrate on the bat, ball and stumps rather than going by a player's reputation. If we keep reputation of a player in mind, then we are putting unnecessary pressure on ourselves."

It was Nitin's consistency that saw his elevation from International Panel to Elite Panel in just three years and his father, who was also BCCI umpires' coach from 2008 to 2015 and the MP cricket association secretary, felt this consistency will help him in future.

"In the past when I used to officiate, there was no one to keep a tab on umpires' performance. These days with the introduction of technology, it's easy for the ICC to evaluate their performance and reward them accordingly. I hope Nitin will maintain consistency in the days to come," Narendra said.

Speaking on the big switch back in 2006, the father said, "It's always easy for a cricketer to switch to umpiring. Because of his experience as a cricketer, the transformation was easy. Besides, he is mentally tough and a quick learner. These qualities helped him."

Narendra along with former international umpire Sudhir Asnani was the guiding light whenever Nitin needed. "We were always there and shared our experiences with him which helped him in developing as an umpire," Narendra signed off.

SOLO RUN

Phone, books keep Karkera going at SAI

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

"THE days are suddenly longer than before." Such words from India hockey player Suraj Karkera does not come as a surprise. It just reflects how 'tough' the last few days have been for the goalkeeper. Normally, he would have his national team mates for company at Sports Authority of India campus in Bengaluru, but it is different now.

He is the lone hockey player at the premises as others have returned home, providing them a chance to meet their families. Karkera is spending most of his time inside his room. However, the lone Mumbai lad has no one to blame. With city being badly hit with Covid-19, he decided to stay in Bengaluru.

"It is tough not to be with them (my loved ones) during this time. But the main thing for me and my family is to stay safe and healthy and that matters," Karkera told this newspaper. "My communication with family has increased. I check with them about their well-being at home and also inform them as to how I am doing. I also check on my dog Deno."

Such calls have become an important part of the day, but Karkera is finding other ways to keep himself busy. He is also reading books and watching football too.

Karkera has coach Graham Reid from Australia and other staff members for company at SAI, which is a boon in such times. "It is tough to be the lone player here. But the fact that we have been having our national camps here since 2015, we know a lot of staff members here. I end up chatting with them. It is home away from home. It helps," he said. "The coaching staff has already told me that if I need anything, they will help me."

App to disclose athletes' test results

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

SOON anti-doping rules, list of prohibited substances and even test results of urine and blood samples will be in the palm of athletes' hands, literally. The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is set to launch a mobile app that would give access to the results of their samples as soon as it's updated in their system. According to NADA, the app will be launched by sports minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday.

When it comes to testing, however, the NADA is not in a hurry to collect samples because of the lockdown due to pandemic across the country. Though the NADA has its own Standard Operating Procedure, accessibility for the dope control officials apparently is their primary issue. Director general of NADA Naveen Agarwal said the app is aimed to help athletes. "The athletes will be able to check the results of their samples and can be accessed as soon as it is updated in the NADA systems," said Agarwal.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919
(SHIVA HYDRO-ELECTRIC PROJECT)

NO. KPCL/EE(MSP&MM)/SHIVA/F-14/2020-21/02/74 Date: 27.06.2020

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION e - Tender Notification

KPCL invites bids through GOK e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** under "Procurement" category from reputed agencies for **Supply of Metering PTs, Protection PTs and AVR PTs at Shiva Generating Station.** Last date for bid submission online of Technical & Financial bid (cover I & II) is **27.07.2020 at 16:00 hrs.** Opening of Technical bid is on **28.07.2020 at 16:30 hrs.** The brief bid notification can be accessed from e-portal. Any other details can be obtained from the Executive Engineer (MSP&MM), Shivasamudram - 571430, Malavalli Taluk, Mandya Dist. Ph/Fax: 08231-247027, email: eemspmmshivakpcl@karnataka.gov.in.

City Corporation Office, Davanagere.
No.: DCC:EE2:E.Tender:05:2020-21 Date: 24.06.2020

Short-Term Tender Notice
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Tender is invited in single/two cover system through e-procurement portal for 11 works – Palike General Fund for the year 2020-21, 02 works –14th Finance Commission General Basic Grant for the year 2019-20 (2nd Call), 05 works – 14th Finance Commission General Performance Grant for the year 2017-18 – Total 20 works and eligible contractors/ agencies/suppliers can participate through e-procurement portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in for the tender. Further details can be obtained in website of City Corporation Office www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in and from e-procurement helpline phone no.: +91 80 46010000, +91 80 22631200. Last date and time for obtaining information regarding the tender: 13.07.2020, 16.30 hrs. Last date and time for submission of tender: 13.07.2020, 17.00 hrs. Date and time of opening tender: 15.07.2020, 11.00 hrs.

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ಎಂಸಿಎ/2020–21

Sd/- Commissioner,
City Corporation, Davanagere.

Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Civil Engineering Section
PostBagno.1.Yelwal, Mysore 571130, Telephone: 2406418. Fax: 0821-2403064
NOTICE INVITING e- TENDER Date:26.06.2020
TenderNo.: BARC/MYS /CES/09/2020-21
Chief Engineer, BARC, Mysuru, invites For & on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractor with sound financial & technical capacity for following work(s):

Sl.No	Description	Details
1.	Name of the Work	Annual maintenance of lawns & trees in BARC Plant site and its township at Kuvempunagar, Lakshmipuram and Yelwal Township, BARC Mysuru.
2.	Estimated Cost	₹.45,90,000.00 (Rupees Forty Five Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)
3.	Completion Period	12 (Twelve) months
4.	Earnest Money Deposit	₹.91,800.00 (Rupees Ninety One Thousand Eight Hundred only)
5.	Sale of Tender Documents	From 30.06.2020 (11:00 Hrs) to 09.07.2020 (17.00 Hrs)

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site www.tenderwizard.com/dae and www.barc.gov.in

Chief Engineer
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

MISSING

The personal shown in the photograph named Smt. Premeela, Age-32 Years, W/o Haridasan, Thuvakkadu Colony, Perungottukurissi, Palakkad is found missing since 31/01/2020 from Kottayi Police Station Jurisdiction. For the above , a case in Crime No. 40/2020 u/s 57 of KP Act was registered at Kottayi Police Station. If any information received about the missing person, please intimate the same to the nearest Police Station or with the following telephone numbers

Kottayi Police Station - 04922285501
Sub Inspector of Police, Kottayi P.S : - 9497980627
ISHO, Kottayi P S - 9497941933
DySP, Alathur - 9497990096

Physical feature:
Height:-150Cm, Colour : Fair Complexion
1038/F2/2020/I&PRD

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(KALINADI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No: KPCL/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT10120/Call-2 Dated: 26.06.2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Online tenders are invited through GoK e-Procurement portal **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the qualified bidders for the work of **"Comprehensive Annual Maintenance of Computers, Laptops, Scanners, Printers and LAN at Ambikanagar and Ganeshgudi based offices and Power Houses of KPCL"**. The details of NIT and Tender Notification can be downloaded from e-Procurement portal, GoK website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and KPCL website: **www.karnatakapower.com** The last date for receipt of completed bids is **13.07.2020 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (O), O/o The Chief Engineer (O&M) Kali, KPCL, Ambikanagar-581363, Haliyal (Tq), Uttara Kannada (Dist.), Karnataka (State), Telephone: 08284-258625, Contact No: +91 9449599120. Fax No: 08284-258615. e-Mail: kpcl.ambikanagar@gmail.com**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(VARAHI HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
No: KPCL/2020-21/IND3665 Dated: 27.06.2020

ABSTRACT TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-procurement platform)

Bids in two parts are invited through e-Procurement portal for the **"Supply of Hardware items to Varahi Hydro Electric Project".** The details of NIT, Brief Bid Notification as well as Tender Documents can also be seen on website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The bids will be received through e-Procurement portal mode only. Last date for receipt of completed bids is **13.07.2020 up to 17.00 Hrs.** with EMD **of Rs. 6,665/-** & tender processing fee as per e-Portal. Date of opening of Part-I (Pre-qualification & Technical Bid) is **14.07.2020 at 17.15 Hrs.** and date of opening of Part-II (Price Bid) of the sucessful qualified bidders is **15.07.2020 at 16.00 Hrs** if possible or on subsequent date. Further details can be had from the **Executive Engineer (MSP)H, VHEP, KPCL, Hosangadi-576282. Kundapura-Tq, Udupi-Dist. Karnataka-State. KPCL website: www.karnatakapower.com** or **www.eproc.karnatakapower. gov.in Contact HP Helpdesk: 080-25501216/ 25501227, Phone: 08259-288643/ Mobile: 9449598832.**

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RAIL WHEEL FACTORY
YELAHANKA, BENGALURU - 560 064
Website: rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
Tender Notice No. RWF/W/20-21/03 Dated: 27.06.2020

E-TENDERS: On Behalf of the President of India, the **Dy. CHIEF ENGINEER** invites electronic tender for the following works online through the website ***http://www.ireps.gov.in (Works)***

Sl. No.	Tender No. / Description	Estimated Value in Rs.	EMD Amount in Rs.	Closing Date & Time
1	**W.496/RWF/YNK/936** – Control and Monitoring System for Water Supply at West Colony of Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.	7850658.00	157000.00	24.07.2020 at 11.00hrs

The detailed tender notice can be viewed on our website
www.rwf.indianrailways.gov.in
DY. CHIEF ENGINEER

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(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಸ್ವಾಮ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿದೆ)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)
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ಅಂತಿಮ ಮರು ಕರೆ

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Office of The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.
No.: BBMP/EE/P-W/TEND/08/2020-21 Date : 29-06-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone invites tenders as per **Standard Bid Document KW-3** on behalf of the Commissioner, BBMP, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the Construction of works detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimate Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1.	**Providing Balance Indoor Gym Equipments ands Other Balance Works to Atalji Sports Complex, MC Layout in Ward No. 104.**	51.00	86,600/-
2.	**Providing Outdoor Gym Equipments and Other Development Works at SVGNSS Layout Park in Ward No. 75.**	52.00	88,500/-
3.	**Providing and Interior Work and Supply of Furniture to BBMP Office Building in Ward No. 75, Shankarmutt.**	52.00	88,500/-

(1) Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-Procurement portal of GOK from **03-07-2020.** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of queries (though e-Portal only) on **06-07-2020 upto 3.00 pm.** (3) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders on **21-07-2020 upto 4.00 pm.** (4) Opening of Bids (Technical Bid) on **23-07-2020 at 4.30 pm.** (5) Opening of Bids (Financial Bid) on **27-07-2020 (if possible).** The Details regarding participation for this tender can be obtained by logging on to : **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone.

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Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Civil Engineering Section
PostBagno.1.Yelwal,Mysore 571130, Telephone: 2406418. Fax: 0821-2403064
NOTICE INVITING e- TENDER Date:26.06.2020
TenderNo.:BARC /MYS / CES / 01 /2020-21
Superintending Engineer, BARC, Mysuru, invites For & on behalf of President of India sealed item rate tenders from experienced Contractor with sound financial &technical capacity for following work(s):

Sl.No	Description	Details
1.	Name of the Work	Civil maintenance works for a period of one year including masonry, carpentry and plumbing works for BARC Residential townships at Yelwal, Kuvempunagar and Lakshmipuram, Mysuru.
2.	Estimated Cost	₹.34,00,000.00 (Rupees Thirty Four Lakhs Only)
3.	Completion Period	12 (Twelve) months
4.	Earnest Money Deposit	₹.68,000.00 (Rupees Sixty Eight Thousand only)
5.	Sale of Tender Documents	From 30.06.2020 (11:00 Hrs) to 09.07.2020 (17.00 Hrs)
6.	Email & Contacts	Pknagar@barc.gov.in 08212406664/6418/6638

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site www.tenderwizard.com/dae and www.barc.gov.in

Superintending Engineer
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

Government of India
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
Post Bag No. 1
P.O.Yelwal, Mysuru – 571 130

TENDER NOTICE NO. RMP/ESTT/PRO.FILE/69/2020

Sealed tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India and will be received in the office of Chief Administrative Officer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Post Bag No.1, P.O.Yelwal, Mysuru – 571 130 from Shopkeepers for the following work:-

1. Name of work:	Running of Ironing Shop at RMP Colony, Yelwal, Mysuru.
2. Location:	Space in the Ground Floor of Amaravathy Building, (Area 10 Sq.Mtrs) at BARC/RMP Colony, Yelwal, Mysuru.
3. Initial Licence Period:	2 years – Extendable on year to year basis at the discretion of Chief Administrative Officer, BARC, Mysuru.
4. Desirable:	2 years experience in Running of ironing shop on own or in any establishment.
5. Rate of Tender Document:	Rs.150/-(Rupees One Hundred Fifty Only)-Non Refundable

2. Tender documents alongwith a copy of terms and conditions of the allotment can be obtained from Asst. Personnel Officer (Estt.), BARC/RMP, Mysuru on payment of Rs.150/- (Rupees One Hundred Fifty Only) Non Refundable by way of cash in any working day from 10 AM to 4 PM from **1.7.2020 to 8.7.2020.**

3. Tenders will be received upto 14.30 hrs. on **10.7.2020** and opened on the same day at 15.00 hrs. in the presence of those tenderers or their authorized representatives who like to be present.

4. The Chief Administrative Officer, BARC, Mysuru reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Chief Administrative Officer
Tel.No.0821-2406415
E-Mail: apormp@barc.gov.in

Researchers have found that staring at a deep-red light for three minutes a day can significantly improve declining eyesight. Published in the Journals of Gerontology, the study could signal the dawn of new affordable home-based eye therapies.

LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY MAY LEAD TO PANDEMICS

Well-maintained, fully functional ecosystems and their associated environmental and health benefits key to preventing new diseases

GO GREEN

LONDON: Environmental degradation, including deforestation, land use change and agricultural intensification, may make pandemics more likely and less manageable, according to a study.

The study, published in the *Environmental Science* and Policy, presents the hypothesis that disease risks are "ultimately interlinked" with biodiversity and natural processes such as the water cycle.

The researchers at the University of the West of England, and the University of Exeter in the UK used a framework designed to analyse and communicate complex relationships between society and the environment.

They conclude that maintaining intact and fully functioning ecosystems and their associated environmental and health benefits is key to preventing the emergence of new pandemics.

The loss of these benefits through ecosystem degradation — including deforestation, land use change and agricultural intensification — further compounds the problem, according to the researchers.

This happens by undermining water and other resources essential for reducing disease transmission and mitigating the impact of emerging infectious diseases, they said.

"Ecosystems naturally restrain the transfer of diseases from animals to humans, but this service declines as ecosystems become degraded," said study lead author Mark Everard, of the University of the West of England. "At the same time, ecosystem degradation undermines water security, limiting availability of adequate water for good hand hygiene, sanitation and disease treatment," Everard said.

He said the disease risk cannot be dissociated from ecosystem conservation and natural resource security. "The speed and scale with which radical actions have been taken in so many countries to limit the health and financial risks from Covid-19 demonstrate that radical systemic change would also be possible in order to deal with other global existential threats, such as the climate emergency and collapse of biodiversity, provided the political will is there to do so," said David Santillo, of the Greenpeace Research Laboratories at Exeter.

The researchers said the lesson from the Covid-19 pandemic is that societies globally need to "build back better", including protecting and restoring damaged ecosystems keeping the many values of nature and human rights at the very forefront of environmental and economic policy-making.

A new study has found that disease risks are linked with biodiversity | AFP

Ecosystems naturally restrain the transfer of diseases from animals to humans, but this service declines as ecosystems become degraded.

Study lead author Mark Everard, University of the West of England

EXFILE

Honey matters

Beekeepers in the US lost 22.2 % of their honeybee colonies during the winter. Still a large figure, the news has given researchers hope that the massive bee population declines both in the US and around the world may be slowing...

WHAT IS HONEYBEE CRISIS

Honeybees, both domestic and wild, are responsible for around 80 per cent of worldwide pollination, according to Greenpeace. But bee colony collapses are threatening their vital work, across the globe.

THIS YEAR'S FIGURES

22.2%

The latest figures come from a survey of 3,377 commercial and hobbyist beekeepers around the US, conducted by Bee Informed Partnership. According to *Bee Informed*, the 2019-2020 winter declines were the second smallest in 14 years, and substantially less than the average loss rate of 28.6%.

One would hope that a lower winter loss means a better 2020 assuming that the weather cooperates and beekeepers don't end up skimping on colony management.

University of Montana bee expert Jerry Bromenshenk

80

Honeybees are responsible for 80% of worldwide pollination

POSSIBLE SOLUTION

The global bee crisis can potentially be solved if dangerous pesticides are eliminated, wild habitats are preserved and ecological agriculture is restored, according to Greenpeace.

REASONS FOR DECLINE

There's no individual explanation for the honeybee declines, but rather a series of threats have all seemed to worsen at the same time.

These include growing pesticide exposure, declining food sources, and new infectious diseases spread by mites and other small insects.

Experts feared that prolonged declines in bee populations could be a disaster for the global food chain.

WORST-HIT COUNTRY 37.7 PER CENT

Over the last two decades, US figures have far exceeded those targets, and helped establish the US as the world leader in losing bees. The **2018-19** winter saw one of the biggest honeybee losses on record with a **37.7 per cent** decline, close to double what experts said would have been an acceptable loss for the season.

Honeybees are responsible for 90 per cent of the crops that provide the world nutrition

Saliva test for coronavirus in Australia

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Victorian Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton

FIRST OF ITS KIND

MELBOURNE: Health authorities are using what they describe as a world-first saliva test for coronavirus in Australia's second-largest city where the disease is spreading at an alarming rate.

Officials say 49 people tested positive to Covid-19 in Melbourne on Sunday and only four cases were detected elsewhere in Australia. Australian Deputy Chief Medical Officer Nick Coatsworth told Australian Broadcasting Corp. on Monday the saliva test was being rolled out in Victoria state, where Melbourne is the capital, and its effectiveness was still being tested.

Coatsworth said the less-comfortable nasal test remained the preferred option and may be more accurate, but the saliva test 'will be great, particularly for kids.' Victorian Chief Health Officer Brett Sutton said authorities were close to losing control of the spread while pandemic restrictions were easing elsewhere in Australia.

"It's a genuine challenge now. I think we're right at the edge in terms of being able to manage it," Sutton said. "We know that as three-quarters of the country goes back to normal way of living, it becomes even challenging to tell people that it's not the same here and that they've got to go on with a more constrained life."

Melbourne and Sydney, Australia's largest city, began with the largest numbers of cases because of the large numbers of international travellers they receive, Sutton said.

Melbourne's colder weather during the current Southern Hemisphere winter might also play a part in the city's great community transmission, he said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Eco-friendly watches

SOLAR-POWERED

American brand Fossil on Monday launched new breed of eco-friendly sustainable watch called Solar Watch. The Solar Watch is available in a limited edition of 1,754 pieces for each size — 36mm and 42mm at a starting price of ₹9,995. The outer ring of the watch case acts as a solar panel, capturing light and converting it to energy using a solar cell beneath the dial. It then stores the energy in a rechargeable battery. Once charged, it is expected to run for around four months before a user will need to charge it again.

Snap Specs now in India

3D EFFECTS

Snap, the parent company of Snapchat, on Monday announced the arrival of its Spectacles 2 and 3 sunglasses for the first time in India which would be available via Flipkart at a starting price of ₹14,999 from July 4. According to the company, latest sunglasses capture depth and dimension the way our eyes do, combining innovative design with dual HD cameras to empower creativity in 3D. This new ability provides a rich 3D canvas for self-expression and a suite of new 3D effects on Snapchat, the company said in a statement.

RETURN TO NORMALCY

A woman passes by lantern decorations for Buddha's birthday at the Chogyesa temple in Seoul, South Korea, on Monday. The ceremony scheduled in April was put on hold due to the coronavirus pandemic | AP

NEW METHOD TO DETECT POTENTIAL HOTSPOTS

MINIMISING RISK

HOUSTON: Researchers have developed a new, non-invasive strategy to use data from existing cellular wireless networks to pinpoint potential hotspots for increased Covid-19 spread, an advance that may help contain the pandemic.

According to scientists, including Edwin Chong from Colorado State University in the US, the novel technique can help identify the most crowded areas where asymptomatic carriers have a high probability of coming into close contact with large numbers of healthy people.

The technique, described in the IEEE Open Journal of Engineering in Medicine and Biology, may help regions avoid scenarios where the virus causes devastation on densely populated areas. Using the strategy, the scientists said they hope to understand how mobile device users move and gather over time in a region using what are known as handover and cell (re)selection protocols.

China vaccine available for military

BEIJING: China's military has approved a coronavirus vaccine for use within its ranks that has been developed by its research unit and a biotech firm, the company said.

Organisations are racing to find ways to treat and prevent the deadly pathogen, that has killed over half a million people worldwide.

More than half of 17 candidate vaccines identified by the World Health Organization (WHO) that are in clinical evaluation involve Chinese companies or institutes. CanSino said Monday that China's Central Military Commission approved the use of the vaccine for one year.

IDENTIFYING RISK FACTORS

'Covid-toes' symptom in kids may not have corona link

NO EVIDENCE

LONDON: The pattern of skin reddening and swelling reported in children during the pandemic, popularly called "Covid-toes," might not be associated with novel coronavirus infection, according to a study which found these lesions in infants who tested negative for Covid-19.

Researchers from the La Fe University Hospital in Spain assessed 32 patients, including 20 children and adolescents, with new-onset skin inflammation between April 9 and April 15. Based on earlier Covid-19 studies, they said these skin lesions, referred to as acute acro-ischemia, have been reported as a possible sign of SARS-CoV-2 infection in adolescents and children.

However, the current research, published in the *JAMA Dermatology*, did not find any evidence that the skin lesions are related to Covid-19.

In the study, scientists including Juncal Roca-Gines, sought to evaluate the mechanism by which these acute skin lesions formed. For this, they performed RT-PCR diagnostic test for the novel coronavirus in the patients, and a range of blood tests for the possible origins of the lesions.

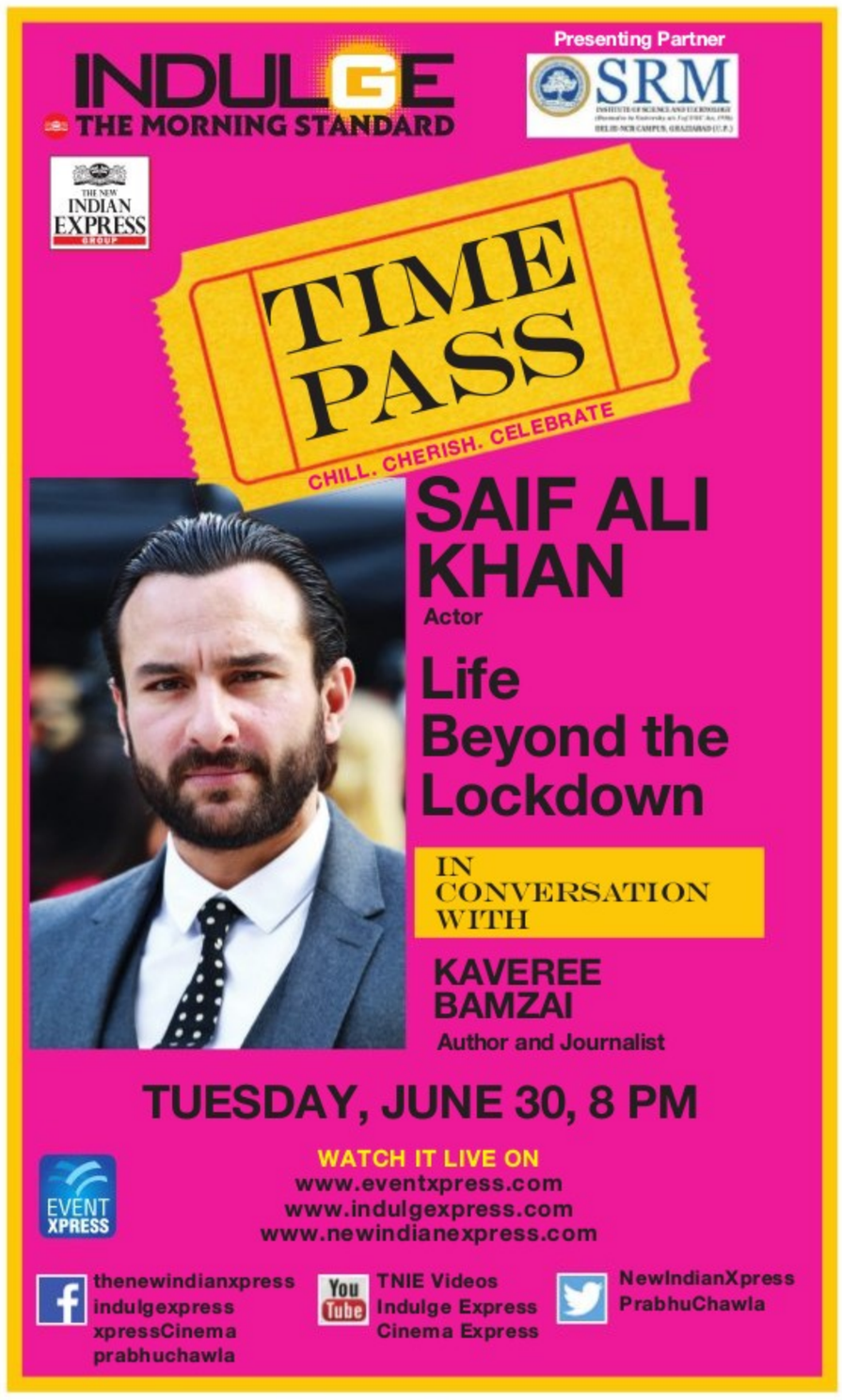
According to the study, the researchers also performed skin tissue sample analysis in six of the patients. Of the 20 patients enrolled, they said seven were female and 13 were male, with an age range of one to 18 years. The scientists said none of the patients had remarkable blood abnormalities, including negative antibodies to the coronavirus. They said the skin sample analyses showed findings characteristic of an inflammatory condition called perniosis.

Based on the observations made during the study, the scientists said three different scenarios may explain the abrupt appearance, during the peak of the pandemic, of these characteristic lesions in a group of SARS-CoV2-negative patients.

"One possibility is that the patients were in a very early stage of the disease, which would explain the negativity of PCR and serologic test results," they explained.

The second alternative, according to the researchers, is that the skin lesions were subacute manifestation of the infection, in which patients were once infected, but no longer had detectable viral particles when they were tested.

As a third possibility, the scientists said low quantities of the virus in the patients may have caused them to not develop clinical symptoms, with the pathogen not detectable during the tests.



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DAY'S DIARY

Birth of Iron Mike

American boxer Michael Gerald Tyson, soon nicknamed Iron Mike, was born on this day in Brooklyn, New York in 1966

FROM BULLYING TO BOXING

It was bullying that led young Tyson to pick up street fighting. This transitioned into criminal activity, with him getting arrested 30 times by the time he was 13 years old

YOUNGEST CHAMPION

It was a counsellor at his school that introduced him to boxing lessons. At the age of 20, he became the youngest heavyweight champion in history

QUITE THE DISTINCTION

He has many other wins to his name. After his retirement in 2005, he was back in the public eye with his autobiography and a small role in *The Hangover*

Ajaneesh to compose music for Sudeep's Phantom

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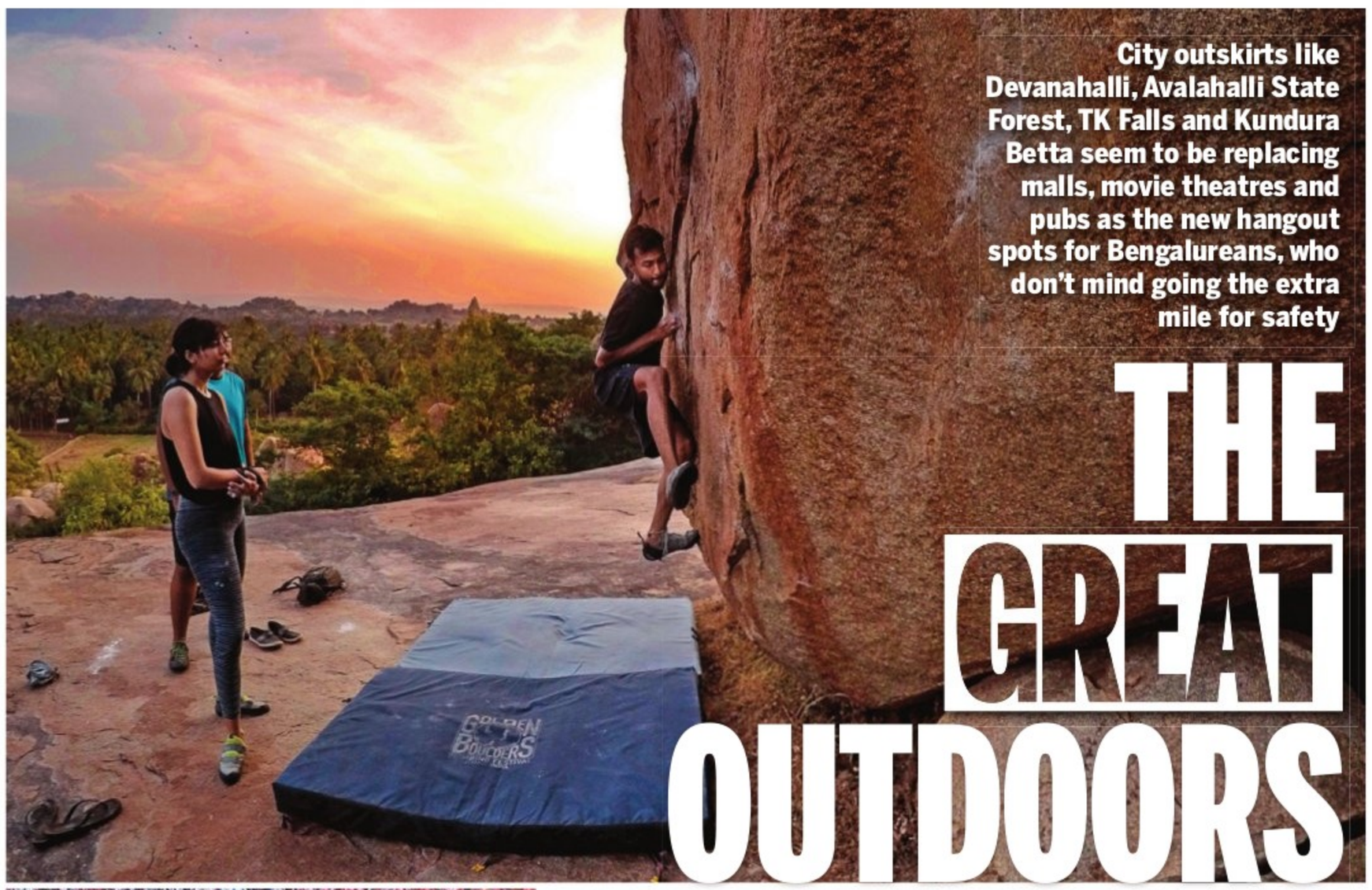
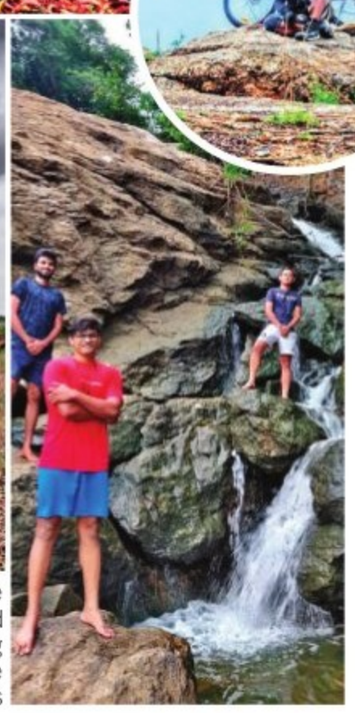


City outskirts like Devanahalli, Avalahalli State Forest, TK Falls and Kundura Betta seem to be replacing malls, movie theatres and pubs as the new hangout spots for Bengalureans, who don't mind going the extra mile for safety

THE GREAT OUTDOORS



The natural surroundings also come with views that B'lureans find pleasing after weeks of staying indoors; (right) Roshan Seo (extreme right) with his friends at TK Falls

Simran Ahuja

Before the pandemic began, Roshan Seo often hung out with his friends at a football ground in JP Nagar or Jayanagar. But due to obvious safety concerns, the 20-year-old has no longer been able to do this. An increased urge to step outdoors, however, led him to search for places with scenic views in and around Bengaluru. Since the beginning of the month, Seo has now been on three day-trips with his friends, one even involving riding 82km to reach Barachukki Waterfalls. "I never knew there were such beautiful spots in and around the city. And since they are relatively isolated, it's easier to practise social distancing with my friends here," says the college student, pointing out that though some places may be out of bounds during specific hours, one can still find quiet spots nearby to have a good time.

Seo is not the only one venturing to the great outdoors since the lifting of lockdown norms. Far-flung places seem to be replacing malls, movie theatres and pubs as the new hangout spots for Bengalureans, who don't mind going the extra mile, literally, for their safety. The added bonus? A pleasing view after weeks of being locked down at home, with rock climbing at Devanahalli or Chikkaballapura, cycling at Avalahalli State Forest, or mini hikes at TK Falls or Kundura Betta emerging as popular favourites. For Lokesh Sanghi, the openness of the space and lack of crowds was convincing enough to make him leave the bubble of home. Since the first weekend of June, the 23-year-old has been to Avalahalli State Forest four times. "On weekdays, I see maybe five others there and on weekends, there are 10 or so visitors. It definitely helps me feel safer," he says.

WORTH A VISIT

- Avalahalli State Forest
- TK Falls
- Barachukki Waterfalls
- Devanahalli
- Chikkaballapura

This love for the outdoors has also resulted in an increased sale of cycles. Rohan Kini, founder of Bumsonthesaddle, a bicycle store in Jayanagar, has observed a three-fold growth in sales in the past month. "Some seem to be getting into it for fitness, others to enjoy scenic rides. Overall, people seem to be realising the fun behind cycling with friends," he says. Mahesh Nandeeshaiah, founder of Avathi Outdoors – a venture that curates outdoor experiences – is also seeing more people showing an interest in such activities. Having recently hosted a rock climbing workshop for a limited group of six, Nandeeshaiah shares that 30-40 people enquired about details for the outing. "Before the pandemic, we only had 10 or 15 people asking us about a workshop. While they are still hesitant to try overnight camping trips, they are more at ease with the idea of a half-day trip with small groups of five or six others," he adds.

For Rony Geo Alex, who recently went hiking on a trail at Avalahalli State Forest, the vast openness didn't just give him a sense of physical safety but mental respite as well. Recalling a day of chasing peacocks and taking in a view of sprawling hills during sunset, he says, "If you go to a mall, the sanitisers, masks and temperature checks constantly remind you of the pandemic. But at Avalahalli, I felt like a child again with the freedom to move about."

When I upload a photo of my rock climbing trips at Devanahalli on social media, 50-60 people show an interest in doing something similar. Most of them are people who want to try this for the first time

– **Harsha Tej**, partner, Lets Play Climbing

Dark times and haunting truths

Monika Monalisa

A vintage cottage in the Scottish Highlands, cut off from the modern world... It may sound like the house of dreams for many, but this former crofters hut in the deserted village of Collieghillie may not be everyone's idea of the perfect place. The reason is revealed in the British thriller play, *The Croft*, which is coming to India for the first time, virtually, from July 3-5. Set in the cottage, the play is known for keeping its audience on the edge.

The play also stars BAFTA-nominated actor Gwen Taylor, who says the whole experience has been exciting for her. "My character blazes a trail for the two ladies who appear later in the play. Her courage is amazing. She is resilient and a survivor," Taylor tells CE in an email interview. She adds that when she was offered the part, she was performing in another thriller – *The Lady Vanishes*. "People love a good thriller, be it a book, a film or a play, but I think a stage production is different because of the involvement an audience feels and those moments when people jump as one. It is a mix of anticipation, live performance and fantastic storytelling," she says.

Twist in the plot

Two women arrive at a former crofters hut in the deserted village of Coillieghille in the remote Scottish Highlands. The weekend getaway suddenly takes an unexpected turn. Cut off from the modern world, Laura and Suzanne find themselves drawn into the dark history of the Croft and the lives that passed before them. Ancient tales surface and the terrifying truth lurking there is revealed.

Calling it an act of fiction, director Philip Frank emphasises that some of the events were inspired from the history of the place. "The events in 'the past' in the play refer to the highland clearances where many small farmers ('crofter') were dispossessed and, in some cases, hounded to their death by greedy landowners. This is completely true," says the 64-year-old director. Although Frank enjoyed creating the scary and emotionally intense experience, he says, in reality, he would never visit a place like this. "I would certainly not go to the Croft. It seems both extremely uncomfortable and very, very frightening. There is no way on earth that I would like to spend a holiday there!," says Frank, who also acted in plays before he turned to direction. "If I had to choose between the two, it would be directing. I still love acting. Directing, however, is all about responsibility and helping others to be better than they thought they could be," he adds. Frank is now waiting for an opportunity to bring his work to India. Although a fan of old-school theatre experience – with live acts and instant audience reaction – he wants to make the most out of the online version to reach a larger audience. "Streaming is all we have at the moment, so we need to make the most of it. I would be in despair though if I it was the only future for theatre," he says.

The Croft will be streamed on BookMyShow website from July 3-5, 7pm onwards

A scene from the play

MUSIC MANIA

On course with new lessons

Express Features

If your plans to learn music could not fructify during the lockdown, there is still time. City-based production and training company From Mug to Mike is set to commence its second online session from July 5. The first online version, spread across five weekends in May-June, had witnessed participants from India as well as abroad.

Founder Sunil Koshy says he is holding one-to-one sessions focusing on theory and exercises, besides group sessions. "During the 30-minute one-on-one sessions, I also cater to participants' queries, and focus on how to approach a song, for which I provide a detailed format. I encourage them to sing in different languages and genres," says Koshy, adding that he also wants to bring people out of comfort zones and break the language barrier. "I had a participant who would sing only in Malayalam but she has now picked up Hindi," he says.

Koshy has also come up with an online Riyaaz Challenge Series spread across four Sundays starting from July 5. "Though many people learn music, they find it tough to cope on a daily basis despite being committed. That's where I guide them. I have scheduled it at 6am to bring in that discipline," he says.

Sunil Koshy

Muneef Khan

Melodies and monologues

Jazz-hop outfit Fakeer and the Arc's debut three-track EP – Ikigai – comes across as a boisterous record, one that revolves around relating between the external and internal world and self-realisation. The city-based band consists of frontman and vocalist Oran "Fakeer" Brahma along with the jazz trio "The Arc" led by guitarist Aniket Roy Chowdhury alongside drummer Shubham Bhardwaj and bassist Lalsang Donnie Phaipi. The sound of the recently-released EP was envisioned by Fakeer and Aniket, and with all members having learnt jazz and various other genres, each brings a unique style to the table.

"All the songs are an internal monologue of the state of mind where one tries to find their purpose and the experiences that come with it," says Fakeer. The sound reflects nostalgia, heartbreak and a longing for meaning, with an effort to combine their love for jazz, psychedelic rock and hip-hop to create a distinct sound.

The three track EP consists of two originals and one being a contemporary take on the legendary jazz tune *Mr. Sandman*, with Fakeer rapping over the melody, re-imagined by The Arc using sugary melodies and groovy flows to counterpoint the darker themes that the lyrics touch upon – substance abuse, depression, loneliness and coping with reality.

On the other hand, *Burn* talks about a tragic but inevitable end of love and the emotions which are left behind, while *Feel The Fire* is more upbeat and showcases a confident person who is slightly free of his misery. "The song is based on the groovy jazz/funk riff that Aniket was messing around with, which acted as an anchor to the whole tune. The lyrics celebrate the feeling of losing everything, which therefore frees the mind and makes one feel invincible," says Fakeer.

(From Left) Lalsang Donnie Phaipi, Aniket Roy Chowdhury, Oran Fakeer Brahma and Shubham Bhardwaj

Although the band was formed in January 2020 after bringing on board Phaipi, Chowdhury asserts that the relationship between the members dates back to last year when they met at Swarnabhoomi Academy of Music, Chennai, while pursuing their diplomas in music performance. He adds, "We got back together in Bengaluru last year to start writing the EP with bassist Donald Lalsang Phaipi." Ask him about the brains behind the songwriting and he says, "Most of the time, Fakeer and I write the rough song and then the band joins in to add their parts to it. Sometimes Fakeer writes the hook and brings it to the jams and then the band builds over that. In the coming months, we have a single coming out soon, and we are also working on a second EP, for which we are going to hit the studio soon."

FRENCH ONION SOUP

INGREDIENTS

- **Onion:** 4
- **Butter:** 2 tbsp
- **Grated cheese:** 2 tbsp
- **Bay leaf:** 2 (optional)
- Pepper powder and salt to taste

METHOD

- Cut the onions into thin slices.
- On a low flame, sauté the onions with butter. Stir till the onions turn translucent and golden.
- Add three cups of water. Let it boil on low flame. Add bay leaf, salt and pepper.
- Add the grated cheese. Mix well.
- Pour into a soup bowl . Top it with toasted bread. Serve hot.

-Rama Shecar

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPACE WATCH

PEGASUS CONSTELLATION

Pegasus is the seventh-largest constellation in the sky, occupying an area of 1,121 square degrees. It is located in the fourth quadrant of the northern hemisphere. It was first catalogued by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the 2nd century. The constellation was named after Pegasus, the winged horse in Greek mythology. The constellation is known for the Great Square of Pegasus, a familiar asterism in the northern sky, as well as for several bright stars and deep sky objects. The brightest star in the constellation is Enif, Epsilon Pegasi. There is one meteor shower associated with Pegasus; the July Pegasids.

Source: www.constellation-guide.com

BRIGHT SPOT

TRAINING FOR KIDS IN NEED

From behavioural and music therapy, to horticulture and vocational training – Jolly Johnson, founder of the Helping Hands Organisation (H2O) in Kerala, is training students with the help of 12,000 youth volunteers from across different colleges in the state. A visit to an old-age home inspired her to start an organisation to help children with disabilities and on the autism spectrum. H2O started out by providing behavioural therapy, music therapy, horticulture therapy, pre-vocational training for children below the age of 15 years and vocational training for the senior-level learners. Today, H2O rents a three-acre plot consisting of the building and a horticulture farm that cultivates several vegetables like tomatoes, cabbage, beans and ginger.

Source: The Better India

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FIT BIT

SITKARI PRANAYAMA

(HISSING BREATH)

In Sanskrit, sitkari means 'sipping' or 'hissing', prana means 'life force' and ayama, means 'extension.' This Pranayama is the most effective breathing to cool down, regulate the body temperature and build vitality. It is particularly useful in hot weather.

STEPS

- Sit comfortably in a cross-legged pose and align the back body in one line. To deepen the breathing effect, close your eyes and keep hands in gyan mudra.
- Gently press your upper and lower teeth together, and separate your lips comfortably so that your teeth get exposed to the air.
- Curl your tongue upwards so that the lower part of the tongue touches the upper palate. (If it is not possible, just rest your tongue at the back of the teeth).
- Breathe in slowly and deeply through the gaps present in the teeth. Feel the air fill up your abdomen, followed by the chest and neck portion. During inhalation, make a small hissing sound.
- Close your lips (eventually mouth) and exhale through your nose slowly in a controlled way.
- This completes one round.

BENEFITS

- Research shows that it positively affects the brain waves to relax the body.
- Hissing cooling breath positively impacts on the nervous system and endocrine glands, which release the emotional and psychological knots present in the body and mind.
- Cooling mechanism helps those suffering from anxiety and hypertension.
- Also clears extra heat out of the system by affecting those parts of the brain that regulate body temperature.
- Helps calm the mind by supporting mental composure.
- Eases hyperacidity in the intestinal area.
- Balances excessive pitta dosha and calms soreness in the body.
- Improves the health of the teeth.
- Regular practice reduces hunger pangs and quenches thirst.

LIMITATIONS

- Should be avoided in an AC room or during the winter season.
- Should be done on an empty stomach and in fresh air.
- People suffering from cough, cold, asthma, bronchitis, chronic constipation or gastric problems should avoid this.
- Those with low blood pressure and heart ailments should avoid this.
- Avoid if you have sensitive teeth or gaps in teeth.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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Did you ever think being an adult would be this hard? Neither did our hosts Michelle Buteau and Jordan Carlos. The comedians talk about adulting with some of the funniest, most creative adults around.

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Written by actor Shannon Campe, Little Women: A Modern Audio Drama is based on the popular novel by Louisa May Alcott. The 18-part fiction podcast features the life and adventures of the four March Sisters.

- On Spotify

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

RAAM

Raam, a final year B.E student, studying in Bellary comes to visit his joint family in Mysore in the vacation. His cousin's marriage is fixed. But his cousin loves another NRI. Knowing this Ram helps his cousin to get her married to her lover.

- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Priyamani

AIYANNA

Aiyanna is a good samaritan living with his wife and a caring brother. However, when he and his wife are murdered by a gang of criminals, his brother decides to take revenge.

- Cast: Darshan, Namitha

HUBLI

An unidentified person is badly injured but is saved by an ex-service man and his daughter. He recovers slowly but loses his memory.

- Cast: Sudeep, Rakshita

UNNAI NINAITHU

Surya and Nirmala are in love with each other and wish to marry but when she finds a better match in Selvam, she leaves him. Later, Surya fares well in life while Nirmala is cheated by Selvam.

- Cast: Sneha, Laila, Suriya

Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

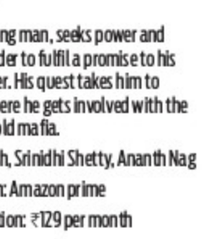
WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 NASA'S FIRST SOFTWARE ENGINEER BY MATT PORTER AND MARGARET HAMILTON

The Apollo 11 moon landing was about the astronauts, mission control, software and hardware all working together as a seamless integrated system. None of which would have been possible without the contributions of one engineer: Margaret Hamilton. Who was this pioneer?

2 CAN YOU OUTSMART THIS LOGICAL FALLACY? BY ALEX GENDLER

Meet Lucy. She was a Math major in college, and aced all her courses in probability and statistics. Which do you think is more likely: that Lucy is a portrait artist, or that Lucy is a portrait artist who also plays poker? Which statement is more likely to be true? Alex Gendler explores the phenomenon of conjunction fallacy.



3 THE POWER OF THE AFRO PICK BY JON GRAY

The Afro pick is much more than a styling tool. It's a major player in Black history, explains artist Jon Gray.

4 WHY SHOULD YOU READ "KAFKA ON THE SHORE"? BY ISEULT GILLESPIE

Desperate to escape his tyrannical father and the family curse he feels doomed to repeat, the teenage protagonist renames himself "Kafka" after his favorite author and runs away. Iseult Gillespie dives into Murakami's mind-bending and whimsical novel.

5 THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING "NOT RACIST" AND ANTIRACIST BY IBRAM X. KENDI

There is no such thing as being "not racist," says author and historian Ibram X Kendi. In this vital conversation, he defines the transformative concept of antiracism to help us recognise, take responsibility for and reject prejudices in our public policies, workplaces and personal beliefs. Learn how you can actively use this awareness to uproot injustice and inequality in the world.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

BABRU (Kannada)

Two strangers with different motives are brought together by a common language, and a road trip across the United States.

- Cast: Suman Nagarkar, Mahi Hiremath
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

KAPPELA (Malayalam)

Falling into an over-the-phone romance with a rickshaw driver, a young woman visits his city when an encounter with a stranger derails their meeting.

- Cast: Anna Ben, Sreenath Bhasi, Roshan Mathew
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

BAREILLY KI BARFI (Hindi)

After reading a book that changes her life, Bitti is intent on meeting the author. Her quest takes her to a publisher, Chirag, who leads her to believe that the writer is Pritam Vidrohi.

- Cast: Kirti Sanon. Ayushmann Khurrana, Rajkummar Rao
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

KRISHNA AND HIS LEELA (Telugu)

The movie revolves around Krishna's love story with Sathya, Radha and Rukhsar.

- Cast: Siddu Jonnalagadda, Shraddha Srinath, Seerat Kapoor
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

PRAWAS (Marathi)

Prawas is the journey of an elderly couple, Abhijat Inamdar and Lata Inamdar. Abhijat also knows that he has a certain time to live his life and nobody is immortal. He realises that there are so many people who need help and he starts helping them in their problems which gives him confidence in himself.

- Cast: Ashok Saraf, Padmini Kolhapure
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹129 per month

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with internet connection.

K.G.F: CHAPTER 1 STORY (Kannada)

Rocky, a young man, seeks power and wealth in order to fulfil a promise to his dying mother. His quest takes him to Mumbai, where he gets involved with the notorious gold mafia.

- Cast: Yash, Srinidhi Shetty, Ananth Nag
- Watch on: Amazon prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

KADAL (Tamil)

Unruly Bergmans is expelled from his seminary when a kind-hearted fellow student, Sam, exposes his heinous acts. Soon he resolves to teach Sam a lesson that evil does predominate supreme.

- Cast: Gautham Kartik, Thulasi Nair, Arvind Swamy
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹399 per year

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

THE BIG SHORT (English)

In the mid-2000s, a few finance experts observe the instability in the US housing market and predict its collapse. Through their research, they discover the flaws and corruption in the system.

- Cast: Christian Bale, Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling, Brad Pitt
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

10 JOURS EN OR (French)

When a carefree bachelor is unexpectedly left in charge of a young boy, the two embark on a road trip that will change both of their lives.

- Cast: Mathis Toure, Franck Dubosc, Marie Kremer
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

THE GOOD LIAR (English)

Career con artist Roy Courtnay can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish online. As Betty opens her life and home to him, Roy is surprised to find himself caring about her, turning what should be a cut-and-dry swindle into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life.

- Cast: Helen Mirren, Ian McKellen, Russell Tovey
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹129 per month

WILD TALES (Spanish)

A waitress adds a special ingredient to an arrogant loan shark's meal in one of several tales dealing with extremes of human behaviour.

- Cast: Ricardo Darin, Dario Grandinetti, Erica Rivas
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video
- Registration: ₹129 per month

FOR ALL THINGS DRAG

A newly-launched platform aims to be a one-stop resource for drag performers, with information about history of the art form, and a way for the artistes to collaborate with each other

Alex Mathew aka Drag Queen Maya

• Simran Ahuja

When Alex Mathew started performing as a drag artiste six years ago, he was clueless about the art form in India. Having only pop culture resources like *Chachi 420* or *RuPaul's Drag Race* for reference back then, today, Mathew – whose performance name is Maya the Drag Queen – is glad he can now point drag aspirants in the direction of a one-stop resource: Dragvanti. Founded by Hyderabad-based drag performer, Patruni Chidananda Sastry, the new platform provides information about the art form and latest developments and events taking place as well. "There are so many misconceptions. People think drag performers are cross dressers or sexually starved. It's great to see a platform bust, and educate people, about these stereotypes," says Bengaluru-based Mathew, who has been a supporter of the platform.

Dragvanti is also Sastry's way of giving back to the art form. "Currently, the art form is not recognised by the government or recognised for any national awards," says Sastry, a performing artiste and dancer, who wanted to give people easily accessible information on the history of drag, the different art styles under it and a platform that would enable collaborations. A feature allows artistes to make profiles for themselves, so that they can reach out to performers across the country. "So besides information about events or opportunities, we can also put a number to how many drag performers are there," says Sastry. Other offerings of the platform include discussion groups and a once-in-three-months digital magazine *Drag Vati*. Sastry is also on the lookout for ambassadors, who will provide informations about events happening int heir cities.

The platform was launched on June 9, which, interestingly, marked a year since Sastry embarked their journey with drag. Now performing under the name of Suffocated Art Specimen (S.A.S), Sastry's work falls under the 'tranimal' style of drag, or as Dragvanti describes it: Tranimal drag deconstructs fashion and make-up, often using found objects, elements of surrealism and mixes of performance art, punk rock, racial and social issues. These drag queens often purposely use unkempt wigs and clothing. Most still hide male attributes, but don't necessarily shave or tuck , creating a constant push and pull between the genders. As a result, Sastry's get-up often involves the use of items like different wigs, masks, curtains or paper costumes, which is adorned in a way that's different from the usual aesthetic of beauty that drag highlights. "It creates a post-modern surreal effect where you convert normally available objects into pieces of art. And since you're covered with all these things, your gender gets disillusioned too," they add.

(From left) Patruni Chidananda Sastry in various drag costumes

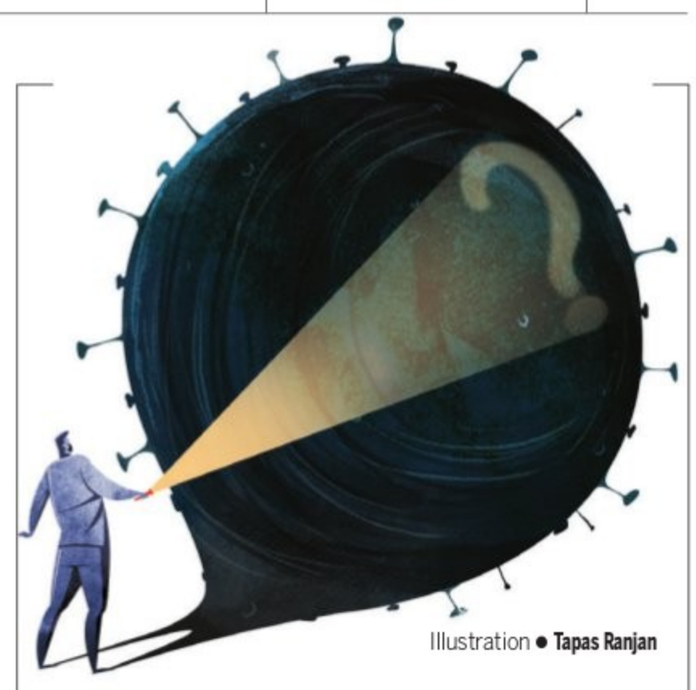


Illustration • Tapas Ranjan

TO FEAR OR NOT, IS THE QUESTION

Once — just once — when I was about six, I had resorted to some daredevilry that now appears foolish in retrospect. I had climbed the railing of our second-floor balcony and swung on it alternatively on the outside and inside. I continued doing that until my rump was stung by a sharp impact just when I had hauled myself inwards.

The pain, the sound of a tightly rolled-up newspaper (not TNIE) impacting my hinds with a sharp "phut", the pinkish-purple mark that remained on my rump for days, and the hollering from my father's booming voice worked up such a fear in me about going close to balcony railings that the incident returns to my mind often when I step into balconies even today, 47 years later.

I am able to look back because I am alive to do so. Had a hand slipped during the act, it was a drop of some 25 feet to a hard, concrete surface, and I shudder to imagine what my condition would have been had I even survived a fall. It wouldn't have mattered had I not.

Lines between bravado and foolishness are very faint, sometimes even allowing the two to merge, as in my balcony railing experience. That I survived was because of the fear instilled in me which inhibited me from trying an encore of that daredevil act.

For a good reason, I am tempted to compare my balcony railing experience — and its impact on my mind and rump — with the current situation in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially post easing of lockdown restrictions.

I see masked people sitting together on park benches and taking selfies (bye-bye to social distancing!); I see crowds of commuters rushing into a BMTC bus at a stop, many with their masks hanging under their chins; I see people standing with arms on each other's shoulders at street corners with their masks sticking out of their trouser pockets; I see people resorting to the traditionally preserved Indian habit of spitting or urinating by the roadsides; I see people coughing or sneezing without covering their mouths. And when I notice all this, I am reminded of my own bravado all those years ago — one slip of the hand, and that is that!

There are two kinds of fears. One that is sufficiently instilled to take care of oneself to keep out of harm's way — viral infections included. The other is of an extreme nature which easily allows a disturbing form — called panic — to set in. While the latter needs to be kept away by all means, I feel we have allowed it to set in already, a hefty section of the society has no fear of the former kind, probably out of ignorance. And that is disturbing too.

As we are dealing with a virus that is known to be resilient and highly infectious, that too without a formalised drug for cure nor a vaccine to prevent COVID-19, the least we need to have is a certain level of fear (but not panic) so that we take care to avoid the virus, at least to the best of our abilities.

So, keep that mask on, keep the distance, and keep sanitising your hands. Remember, just one slip of the hand is enough to let the virus in. Why take that chance with bravado? Stay safe!

Posing a new idea

• Vidya Iyengar

The recent months of lockdown have been both a challenge and blessing for Bharat Thakur. Challenge because his yoga company needed him to improvise, and a blessing because amid serene natural surroundings in Uttarakhand, he has been able to introspect, evaluate, write and study. And out of this came his app called Bharat Thakur Art, which was launched recently.

The app will include live blogs, audios and videos related to art and yoga and more specifically to paintings, sculptures, poetry, music, recipes, posture breathing and even light-hearted banter. Studies about well-known artists, their biographies and techniques, insights into their work will also be part of the app. "I have been largely by myself and I feel as if I'm in the womb of beauty and serene silence. With the yoga company, it felt like I was in the midst of a raging storm in a season of upheavals, at the same time here in Haridwar, I've found a quiet zone," he says. "Undoubtedly, art and yoga go hand in hand. Yoga is an art. In fact, 25 years ago, we created artistic yoga, knowing that it is not just physical posture, but something that makes you aware of yourself," adds Thakur, for whom Bengaluru holds a special spot since his painting journey began here in the late 1990s, when he used to do live impromptu paintings and auction work to raise money for yoga workshops. In addition, his studio here beckons him often to the city.

His tryst with art started when he would frenetically produce sketches at night. Then, he took a sabbatical but got back to painting a couple of years ago while playing with water paints to amuse his toddler son. "I find this 'gift of technology' full of possibilities for an artist who will be able to connect with several people at one go. Earlier in the lockdown, I also created a yoga app to help people stay healthy which is the need of the hour," he says.

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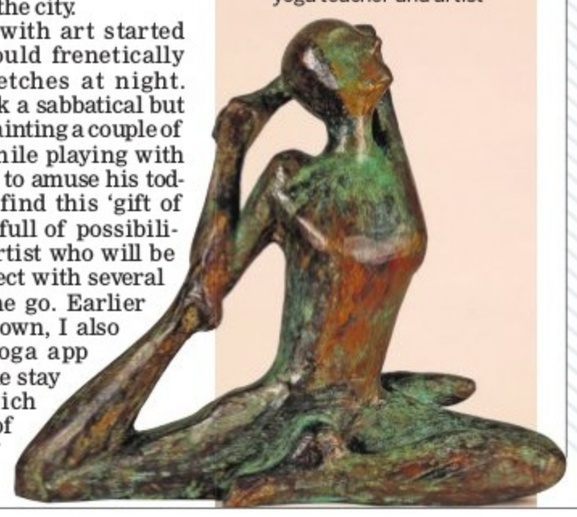
> —Bharat Thakur, yoga teacher and artist



Mrs Right

While people gear up for the new lockdown schedule, Sandalwood actor Yash noticed something which most of us would have missed. He posted a picture of him with his wife Radhika Pandit, saying, "Karnataka Government has set new lockdown rules and don't know why, seems like my wife had something to do with it! Back home at 8pm everyday and Sundays complete lockdown!! Anyway.. these wife friendly rules will help us keep the Sanity and Safety both!! Tc guys."

CITY READ

BU gives extension for repeat exams

With one-year extension granted, students of 2014-15 batch of Bangalore University affiliated colleges offering under graduation degree courses, can appear for exam in failed subjects in July and Nov/ Dec whenever respective semester exams are conducted.

Hotel distributes food among needy children

Courtyard by Marriott Bengaluru Outer Ring Road recently launched its delivery menu, Marriott on Wheels with an objective of giving back to the society in these unprecedented times. With every order placed, the hotel extends a helping hand to an underprivileged child by giving them a meal. The team recently visited Madhu Mansion Charitable Trust, to distribute packed meals to children at this organisation.

Through the lens of love

COVID-19 seems to be getting closer home, isn't it? People in major metros in India are hearing of someone testing positive closer and closer home – someone in the street next to yours, or the apartment building next door, or even an apartment in your complex, and for the unfortunate few, right in your home. The lockdowns have not quite slowed the spread and it is here, and the thing with this particular disease is the degree of isolation that it calls for.

How can you really have the "In sickness" part of your vows of "In sickness and in health, till death do us apart," when this is a sickness that can really bring death to anyone you love unless you stay apart? For most other common illnesses, even the seasonally dreaded ones like dengue and chikangunya, people in relationships stick together. There are loved ones who stay up mopping your fevered brows, taking your temperature every few hours, holding your hand and massaging your tired limbs, changing your sweat-soaked bedsheets and just really being there for you. Nothing like that is possible here. For the ill, there is absolute isolation, and for the duration of the illness, there is little to no contact with their loved ones, except maybe through layers of plastic. We have seen images and stories of people really sick with this virus begging doctors and nurses for just some contact, even a small kiss on their forehead -- if not from their beloved, at least from the nearest human, but for the most part, no such luck. Till one is fully cured, the ill are under isolation, maybe with others who are also ill, but not with their beloved unless they are all ill and that is just even worse.

How do you love in times like this when there is little to no possibility of contact with your loved one?

In these difficult times, loving someone really requires us to see everything we do from the lens of our love for each other. Risks we might be willing to take just for ourselves may not be ones we might be willing to take once we see it from the lens of love. We might say for ourselves that we are cool with risking an unmasked, unprotected ride in a crowded vehicle just to save a few rupees, thinking we are in superb health and great immunity, but when we think of our beloved who we will be seeing later in the evening and how we would want to hug them and hold them, the act of love is in staying masked, taking care. The act of love is in trying one's hardest to not fall ill at all in the first place.

If your beloved does fall ill despite everything, then the act of love is not in taking care of them and risking falling ill yourself, but to stay away and hold. Wait. Suffer the pain of the separation.

Love in this sickness is a weird thing that may not look or feel like love usually does, but that's what it takes this time around.

(The writer is a counsellor with InnerSight)

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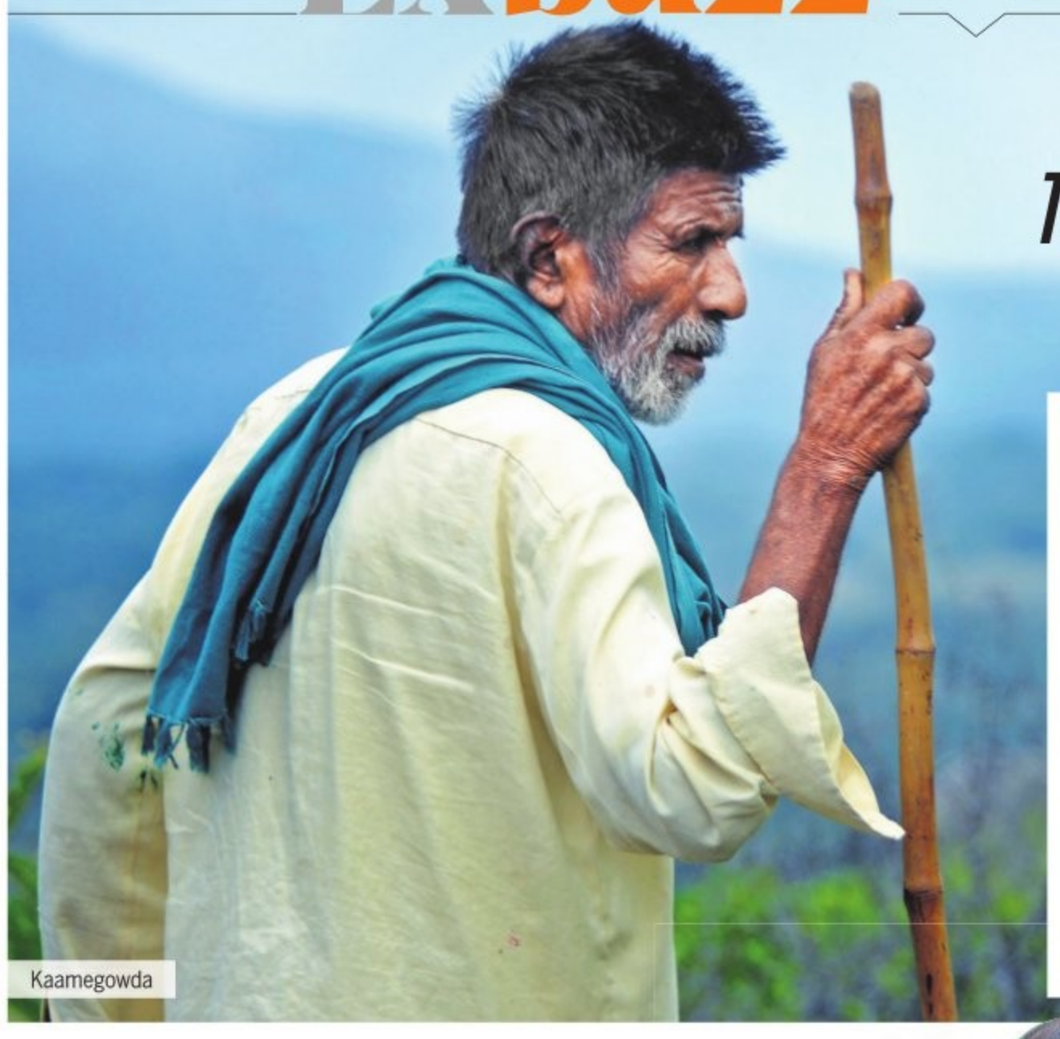
Kaamegowda

Dayal Padmanabhan to direct a documentary, *The Good Shepherd*, on 'Lake Man' Kaamegowda's work

Through the documentary, which will be made in Kannada and English, the filmmaker wants Kaamegowda's achievements to gain national recognition

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Director Dayal Padmanabhan is coming up with a documentary film on Sri Kaamegowda. It will be produced under the banner of D Pictures and Om Production House. Titled *The Good Shepherd*, the documentary will be made in Kannada and English. Through this project, the director wants Kaamegowda's achievements to reach the national level. Popularly known as the Lake Man or Pond Man, the 84-year-old shepherd hailing from a remote village in Mandya district has been digging ponds quietly on a barren hill near his village for four decades now. His work has become the inspiration for the *Aa Karalaa Ratri* director to come up with a documentary. Kaamegowda recently got national attention after he was mentioned in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's *Mann Ki Baat*, and also talked about by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. Kaamegowda, who also appreciated actor Yash's Yasho Marga initiative for water conservation, has also expressed his desire to meet the *KGF* hero and has invited him to visit his village.

Says Dayal, "The idea of capturing his works came to my mind after I read an article in The *New Indian Express*, and learned about his achievements. I later interacted with Kaamegowda, who has given a green signal to this project." Dayal will start shooting this week. "The documentary is jointly produced by Dayal Padmanabhan and Avinash U Shetty while the script has been written by Abhishek and Venkat Dev. The technical crew includes cinematographer B Rakesh, music composer Manikanth Kadri, and editor Raghunath. "I am planning to have the documentary released on various streaming platforms. I will also prepare to send it to national and international documentary festivals. I intend to have his achievements reach worldwide," Dayal says.

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—**Dayal Padmanabhan,** director

AJANEESH LOKNATH TO COMPOSE MUSIC FOR SUDEEP'S *PHANTOM*

The music composer, who has been working with director Anup Bhandari right from his debut *Rangitaranga*, will be working for a Kichcha- starrer for the first time

Sudeep

• A Sharadhaa

Director Anup Bhandari's next, the Sudeep-starrer titled *Phantom*, will have on board music director B Ajaneesh Loknath. Though the director and music composer have worked together in films like *Rangitaranga* and *Rajaratha*, this will be the first time Ajaneesh Loknath will be a part of Sudeep's film. The director, who is also a singer, has previously collaborated with many popular music directors of the Kannada film industry, including Hamsalekha, Gurukiran, V Harikrishna and Arjun Janya. Ajaneesh made his debut with *Shishira*, and is known for his compositions in films like *Ulidavaru Kandate*, *Rangitaranga*, *Kirik Party*, *Sarkar Hi Pra Shale*, *Bell Bottom* and *Avane Srimannarayana*, to name a few. His latest work was for KS Ashoka's *Dia*. Now it will be interesting to see the kind of music Ajaneesh churns out for Sudeep's adventure drama. *Phantom*, being made under the banner of Shalini Artss, and produced by Manjunath Gowda, is bringing the actor-producer and the director together for the first time. The team has completed one schedule and is working towards resuming the next schedule from July first week at Annapurna Studios, Telangana, where the makers are coming up with huge sets. Meanwhile, the makers are finalising on the lead heroine, along with the rest of the cast and crew.

Ajaneesh Loknath

Manish Chaudhari on his role in *Aarya*: Wanted to bring in ruthlessness of real-life dons

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Actor Manish Chaudhari essays the role of gangster Shikhawat in the Sushmita Sen-starrer Aarya. Directed by Ram Madhvani, the nine-part series is backdropped on the drug trade in Rajasthan. Manish has previously appeared films like Rocket Singh: Salesman of the Year, Bombay Velvet, Mohenjo Daro, Satuamev Jayate, and Batla House.

Manish Chaudhari

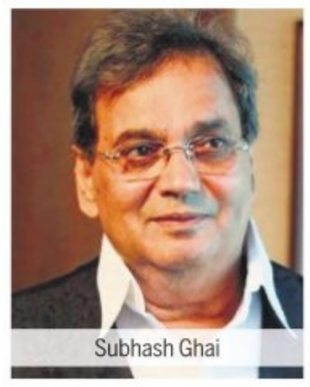
Speaking about his villainous streak in Aarya, Manish shares, "I wanted to bring in the ruthlessness of real life mafia dons. But also keep a sense of being nonchalant in that ruthlessness. We spent a lot of time on the styling of the character. His clothes, his facial look, and his mannerisms and habits, for instance, Shekhawat loves to smoke cigars."

On his rapport with Sushmita, the actor says, "Sushmita and I had some difficult scenes to do together which involved a level of physical violence. To make these scenes as natural as possible, Sushmita and I had to have all our guards down and just go for it. She was a very willing and energetic 'partner in crime'. I really enjoyed working with her."

Manish says he had been wanting to work with Ram Madhvani since Let's Talk (2002). He praises the director for his organic and impressive directorial approach. "Ram asked me to delve into the ruthlessness of Shekhawat with a sense of nonchalance but also to 'go for it'. As an actor I am always looking to work with directors who are passionate about their process, craft and storytelling."

Manish will next be seen in a series directed by Alankrita Srivastava and produced by Endemol Shine India. He is also part of a web show on SonyLIV produced by Banijay Asia and Salman Khan TV.

A still from *Karz*


Subhash Ghai

I miss Rishi Kapoor today: Subhash Ghai on 40 years of *Karz*

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Subhash Ghai's Karz has completed 40 years. The reincarnation thriller, which starred Rishi Kapoor and Simi Grewal in the lead roles, was released in 1980. Rishi Kapoor passed away due to cancer on April 30 this year. He was 67.

Reflecting on the film's legacy, Subhash Ghai shared, "Karz enters its 40th year since release in1980 and the film is as fresh as ever today for its storytelling as well as music for the youngsters."

An adaptation of The Reincarnation of Peter Proud (1975), Karz told the story of a wealthy businessman who is murdered by his wife. Years later, the wronged man is reincarnated as Monty (Rishi Kapoor), a musician who returns to avenge his past.

Declared a flop upon release, Karz went on to achieve cult status in Hindi cinema. The film's iconic soundtrack — which included the hits Om Shanti Om, Dard-E-Dil, and Ek Haseena Thi — was composed by Laxmikant–Pyarelal, with lyrics by Anand Bakshi.

Ghai recalled Karz was launched on October 24, 1978, and released two years after.

"It was raining heavily on that day in Mumbai and we were looking forward to the audiences coming to the theatres. Very few came," the director said. "We waited in hope and today we are proud of this film and feel blessed. It's in the list of the most iconic films of that decade. But I miss Rishi Kapoor today."

It's official: *Laxmmi Bomb*, *Bhuj: The Pride of India* and five others to release on Disney+ Hotstar

The announcement was made in a virtual press conference hosted by Varun Dhawan and featuring Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, Alia Bhatt, Abhishek Bachchan and Uday Shankar

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As many as seven unreleased Bollywood films will premiere directly on Disney+ Hotstar between July to October, the platform officially announced on Monday. These include Dil Bechara, Laxmmi Bomb, Bhuj: The Pride of India, Sadak 2, The Big Bull, Lootcase and Khuda Haafiz. While Dil Bechara will be available even to non-subscribers from July 24 in honour of late actor Sushant Singh Rajput, the other titles will be available on Disney+ Hotstar Multiplex, an initiative launched to keep viewers entertained during the pandemic.

In a virtual press conference, Uday Shankar, President, The Walt Disney Company APAC and Chairman, Star & Disney India, said, "Because of the pandemic, people are locked down at home and need movies. We have used this opportunity to create a network of virtual threatres for films that will premiere directedly on Disney+ Hotstar."

Sharing the poster of Laxmmi Bomb, Akshay Kumar said, "Horror-comedy is my favourite genre. I had previously done Bhool Bhulaiyaa in this space. I had heared the story of Laxmmi Bomb long back and always wanted to get it made. It's my passion project and I want to thank my producers Shabina Khan and Tusshar Kapoor and our director Raghava Lawrence."

Ajay Devgn said the pandemic has allowed films to reach a wider viewership due to digital releases.

Speaking about Bhuj: The Pride of India, the actor-producer said, "After Tanhaji: The Unsung Warrior, this is another film based on real events and characters. I'm playing the role of a squadron leader (Vijay Karnik). The film is about an episode where, within 24 hours, these people saved Bhuj from getting destroyed. It's a big-scale film." Besides Ajay, the cast includes Sanjay Dutt, Sonakshi Sinha, Rana Daggubati, Nora Fatehi and others.

Abhishek Bachchan plays a stoke broker in The Big Bull. The film is inspired by the Harshad Mehta securities scam of 1992. "It's a rags-to-riches story set in Mumbai," Abhishek shared. "It's about the fact that if you want something in life and work hard, you will get it." The film also stars Ileana D'Cruz, Nikita Dutta and Sohum Shah.